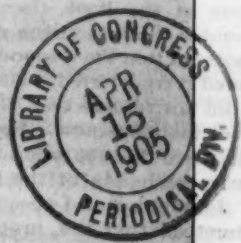
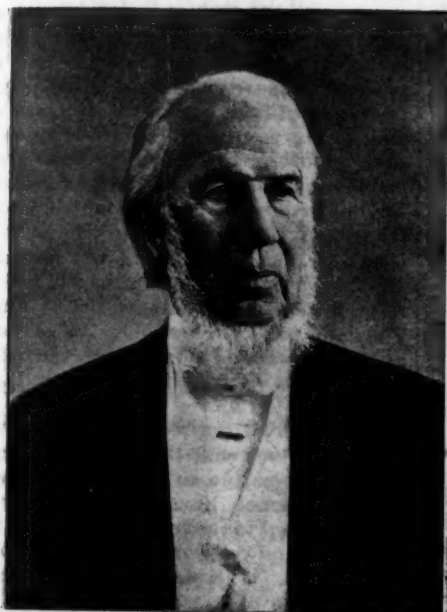


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THE FARRINGTON MONUMENT

Old "Empire of Poland" Cemetery

"Argonaut" and Eaton & Mains

"ARGONAUT" writes from San Francisco, requesting the editor to state over his own name that he has written under a *nom de plume* at the request of the editor. He wishes now to state that the letter to which Eaton & Mains have taken exceptions was a correct report of what took place in the San Francisco Preachers' Meeting and the feeling manifested. The article of Eaton & Mains simply shows that they have interpreted the action of the last General Conference differently from the Western Agents and the local Book Commission. Mr. Jennings stated in the Preachers' Meeting in San Francisco on March 20 that the Western section of the Book Committee did not consent to the sale of the property, as they considered that the General Conference had ordered it transferred. They were present, but did not vote, as they did not consider it any of their business. For if the General Conference did not order it transferred, it was in the hands of the Eastern Agents. Mr. Jennings stated specifically that they understood that the property was to be transferred on the books, reducing the Eastern capital to the extent that it increased the Western capital. He was asked if the transfer included the real estate. He responded immediately and without the slightest hesitation, "Yes, sir." Mr. Graham was present, and agreed with what Mr. Jennings had said. He also stated that the question was asked in the committee in Los Angeles at the General Conference what the motion implied, and Mr. Miller arose and said: "It means the transfer of the property on the books."

Your correspondent has no special interest as to who is right, more than he is interested in the welfare of San Francisco Methodism. He has given a correct presentation of "men and movements." As



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the Book Committee has ordered the transfer of \$25,000 from the proceeds of the sale to be used in San Francisco, and Jennings & Graham have purchased valuable property in this city, the work and local interests will be cared for. The method of the transaction is the point of interest and dissension. It can be justified only on the ground that the Eastern Agents are not amenable to the General Conference; and the pioneers who purchased the first property in San Francisco at a great sacrifice, and whose money was in the property sold, are not to be considered. "Argonaut" is ready to stand by what he has written, and with reason recalls the words of Lady Macduff:

"Whither should I fly?
I have done no harm (wrong). But I remember how
I am in this earthly world, where to do harm
Is often laudable; to do good, some time
Accounted dangerous folly."

With parting salutations to the readers of the best paper in Methodism, I am,

Very cordially yours,
FRANCIS M. LARKIN,
Pastor Grace Church, San Francisco.

A VETERAN'S MESSAGE

REV. DAVID PRATT.

HAVING been laid aside from work for about two years, I thought perhaps some of the HERALD readers might wish to know how it is with me and mine at this time. My health is poor, but I try to keep around, and attend church a part of the time. Rev. W. P. Lord is our preacher, and he gives us a fine sermon every time. Mrs. Pratt is well, and longs to be in the work again. A. B. Pratt, the younger of our two sons, is here looking after our welfare. Our oldest son is in East Liverpool, Ohio. I received a letter from him today, saying: "Father, I feel tired, and would like to go home and rest a while with you and mother." Dear boy! he must be weary. For four weeks he conducted revival services, preaching every night and twice on Sunday, besides leading the altar services and singing. More than two hundred have joined the class, among the number his oldest son, who, after a long and severe struggle under deep conviction, promised God that he would preach the Gospel when convinced of his duty.

"Now, a word about ZION'S HERALD. Not long since I listened to a sermon by our preacher in the interests of the HERALD. At the close I asked the privilege of speaking, and related the following: Nearly seventy years ago my grandfather took the Methodist paper—the HERALD in its infancy—and after David Pratt, 1st, had taken it for awhile, then David, 2d, subscribed, and continued to read it every week until his death. Then I, David, 3d, have taken it some thirty years, and expect to read it as long as I can see to read good round print. I am 72 years old, and have had the reading of the HERALD from childhood. My wife's parents were Methodists, and took the HERALD for forty years, and we are none the worse for the constant reading of a good religious paper. Long live ZION'S HERALD! It seems to me that it is almost "immortal," as much so as it can be on earth. There is one other David Pratt in the connection—the son of Rev. M. B. Pratt. He is now twelve years old, and as his father is a Methodist, and his mother out of a Methodist family, I expect that some day, when the present editor and all the rest of us who have tried to work for God and His cause are gone, this twelve year-old boy will be

a subscriber to ZION'S HERALD. God bless the editor, and all that have to do with the paper!

Cape Elizabeth, Me.

Portland Revival

From Pacific Christian Advocate (March 29).

THE revivalists are here, the leaders in their places, the pastors at work, and the Christian people are expectant and attentive. Christian workers are seeking and earnestly praying for guidance and power. The Word is being preached with great simplicity and fidelity. Jesus Christ is being honored. His Gospel has first place, messages are being delivered by the ministers without undue exaltation of self, and with great emphasis placed upon the saving power of the Lord Jesus. Power from on high is being sought and received. The attention of sinners is being challenged. Salvation is being offered to all, rich, poor, old, young, pure and degraded. Business people are talking of the revival; it is heard on the streets, in the offices. The daily papers are echoing the messages and have become, for the time, the helpful allies to the evangelists. The air is full of it.

At eight great centres workers are devoting themselves with the earnest co operation of the people to make it a success. Denominational lines are forgotten and creeds are put to the rear. The Son of Man is exalted and the worth of souls is being emphasized. Great blessings appear to be right at the door. The influence of this work will doubtless go out to the surrounding cities. We may expect a condition of affairs in Christian work here such as has never been known hitherto. This is desirable beyond measure. Let all the people with one accord unite in this great work. Let every soul be open for the light of the Spirit.

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Result of the Chicago Election

THE most picturesque campaign ever witnessed in Chicago was concluded, April 4, by the election of Judge Edward F. Dunne, Democrat, as mayor by a plurality of 24,061. John M. Harlan, the Republican candidate, received 137,411 votes; Collins, the Socialist candidate, 20,323; and Stewart, Prohibitionist, 2,980. J. F. Smulski, Republican candidate for city attorney, was re-elected over his Democratic opponent by nearly 15,000 votes. The other candidates on the Democratic ticket were elected by pluralities somewhat smaller than Judge Dunne, who was given a majority of 728 of all the votes cast, and also had the distinction of receiving the greatest vote ever cast in Chicago for the office of mayor. The contest was not strictly a partisan struggle, but a variety of considerations, personal, political, economic and moral, determined the result. The overwhelming factor, however, in accomplishing the election of Judge Dunne, was the question of "immediate" acquisition of the street railways by the city of Chicago. Chicago has declared again and again by large majorities for municipal ownership, and the chief difference between the candidates related to the time and method by which such ownership could be acquired, Judge Dunne arguing for the taking over of the lines "at once," and John M. Harlan ridiculing the possibility of doing so, even if initiatory steps were immediately taken to that end, short of a long period of years. Appeals to the fear of domination by corporate wealth swayed many voters, who, however, threw their strength with the Democrats rather than the Socialists.

Redistribution of the British Fleet

A MEMORANDUM recently issued by the British Admiralty, which is signed by the retiring First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Selborne, and which makes arrangements for the redistribution of the British fleet, may be described as the epilogue to Lord Selborne's memorable record of four years of strenuous administration. Yet the memorandum is

most of all significant as representing the collective and deliberate action and policy of the Board of Admiralty, and as such will be carefully studied by the war lords of the other great nations. Far-reaching changes have now been effected in the fighting organization of the British fleet. The broad principle underlying this action has been to organize all the effective naval resources of Great Britain so as to have them at all times instantly ready for war, and so to distribute the several squadrons of the fleet in commission at sea as to place them in organic relation on the one hand with each other, and on the other with great centres of strategic movement throughout the world. These great centres are the home waters, the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and the seas beyond the Suez Canal. Occasional combinations of the different sections of the great fleets are provided for, while four squadrons of powerful cruisers are besides held ready for united or for independent action. Behind this far-flung network of fighting forces remains a reserve fleet stationed in the home ports, but ready to take the sea on the instant in any emergency. In order, however, not to impair the spirit of initiative and originality on the part of individual captains, provision is made for the carrying on at intervals by ships in twos or threes of independent evolutions.

Cotton Mills of China

FROM an interesting report on the condition of the cotton mills in China, presented by Mr. J. W. Jamieson, British Commercial Attaché, it appears that cotton-spinning has been carried on all over China for over a thousand years, especially in the districts around the mouth of the Yang-tse and the level plains of Hu-peh. In 1891 a semi-official company, with Li Hung Chang at its head, began spinning on modern lines. In 1895 the Japanese treaty provided for free manufacturing in all the open ports of China, and almost immediately afterward eleven mills were taken in hand. At the present time there are 17 spinning and weaving mills, with over 600,000 spindles and 2,250 looms. The mills have not been very successful, the main cause of their misfortune being that they have not been able to obtain supplies of raw cotton at reasonable prices and in good condition. Rings and combinations of Chinese middlemen have gradually forced up the price, and the anomaly is presented of a vast cotton-growing country being an importer of cotton from abroad, diverting her own mills from the purposes for which they were started, and lowering the quality of the yarns produced. Lack of experience, the competition of India

and Japan, and dishonest practices on the part of many of the cotton-growers in China, render the development of the cotton mills extremely difficult.

Vegetable Rat Trap

AN interesting collection of carnivorous plants in the University of Pennsylvania includes a pitcher plant that is capable of entrapping as large an animal as a rat—besides other plants which, though unable to move from the position where they are growing, yet catch and eat their food like living animals. A small and modest looking plant that has just been received at the vivarium is the *Pinguicula caudata*, which holds to insects with the tenacious grip of fly-paper and in time absorbs them. A few of these plants placed in a house infested by flies might in time gather all the pests to their bosoms and quietly digest them. The *Drosera dicholomo* has a partiality for mosquitoes. Its sole diversion is to eat, and its only item of diet is insects. But the most extraordinary of these tropical plants are the "nepenthes," the pitchers of which are filled with an innocent-looking fluid that numbs the senses of the rat, mouse or roach that seeks to assuage its thirst. Having stupefied the intruder, the plant prevents its escape by closing the entrance to the pitcher. In the lid of this curious receptacle are two spikes, which close with deadly effect on the neck of the victim. In time the prisoner is drawn into the interior of the pitcher. Juices are employed to dissolve the body, and in time the creature is absorbed. Since being in captivity, however, the rat-catching plant has eaten less than it is accustomed to devour in its native habitat.

Frost-Predicting Machine

THE pagoscope, a recent invention of a French meteorologist, has been designed to serve as a device for foretelling, early in the evening, whether there is or is not to be a frost during the following night. The apparatus accomplishes its purpose by ascertaining whether or not the dew-point, or point where the deposition of moisture from the atmosphere begins, is near, together with a sufficiently low temperature to insure that the moisture shall be deposited in a solid form. The familiar device of a wet-bulb thermometer is employed, the rapid evaporation of water from the moistened bulb lowering the temperature, and the more so as the air is drier and farther removed from the dew-point. An ingenious mechanical contrivance obviates the necessity of the usual mathematical calculations. The name "pagoscope" comes from the Greek word *pagos*, frost, and *skopein*, to dis-

cover. It is, in effect, an ingenious application of the psychrometer. Like the latter it carries two thermometers, one wet and the other dry, fixed on the same board, in front of which is a pointer which traverses a graduated scale. The new instrument is extremely simple, and may prove of considerable practical interest to gardeners and farmers.

Research in New Guinea

THE Cooke-Daniels Expedition, which was dispatched to British New Guinea in September, 1903, has lately returned to England, having accomplished some valuable explorations. The objects of the expedition — which was organized by Major W. Cooke-Daniels, an American traveler — were primarily ethnographical, but studies were also pursued in other branches of science, and a number of general pathological observations were made. A collection of photographs was secured, and the travelers brought back cinematograph pictures and a number of phonographic records. The first trip undertaken was some distance up the Bensbach River, separating Dutch and British New Guinea, a hitherto unexplored region. Afterwards the expedition traveled into the Nara district. An excursion was next made by whale boat to Mekeo and Yale Island. The natives of Mekeo appear to be among the most advanced of all the New Guinea tribes, and among them a system of chieftainship has developed. A visit was afterwards paid to the extreme southeast of New Guinea, for the purpose of exploring some of the solitary islands and investigating the totemism of the natives, who are still in the matriarchal stage. In the island of Murua a visit was paid to the quarry of Suloca, where were formerly obtained the stones used by the natives for the manufacture of adzes. The beach in the neighborhood was covered several inches deep with stone chippings, showing that for generations the people had performed their stone-flaking there. Grindstones were also found. At Waga Waga and at Dogura a study was made of the stone circles in which cannibal feasts were formerly held, and it was found that the whole system of cannibalism was the outcome of an elaborate system of blood revenge.

President Roosevelt's Trip

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has been everywhere received with great enthusiasm and marked demonstrations of popular approval on his trip to the Southwest. San Antonio gave him a rousing welcome on April 7. The principal business thoroughfares fluttered with flags and bunting, and the President's picture was everywhere. On the arrival of his special train President Roosevelt was greeted with lusty hurrahs from his old comrades in arms, the "Rough Riders" of the Spanish War, who have been holding their annual reunion near the crumbling walls of the historic Alamo. At Austin the President was met at the station by Governor Lanham and members of the Texas Legislature. In his address to the members of the Legislature the President pledged fair treatment for the railroads, who are entitled, he argued, to a

"square deal" — a phrase that is already being caught up by the papers and passed over to the uses of a current colloquialism. President Roosevelt declared that "we cannot, as good Americans, bear hostility to any rich man as such, any more than to any poor man as such," and affirmed that he did not himself wish in any way to interfere "with the legitimate gain of any of these great men whose special industrial capacity enables them to handle the railroads so as to be of profit to themselves and of advantage to all of us," while maintaining the public right to exercise such a supervisory and regulative power over the railroads as will insure their giving fair treatment while they receive justice.

Earthquakes in India

SEVERE earthquake shocks have been experienced this past week in India. Numbers of women and children and camp-followers were killed at the Gurkha cantonment at Dharmasala, and 186 Gurkhas were killed or injured by the fall of their stone barracks. Several Europeans were also killed at Dharmasala. The Kangra Valley is believed to have been devastated, and the town of Kangra reduced to ruins with much loss of life. Not a single building has been left standing in the town of Palampur. Several large buildings have been damaged at Lahore. Lady Curzon narrowly escaped death by the falling of a chimney through the roof of her dwelling at Simla. Simla, the headquarters of the British Government in summer, stands on the southern slopes of the Himalayas, 170 miles north of Delhi. It is situated on a high ridge, and the results of earthquake shocks in that region cannot but be most disastrous.

Norway-Sweden Union Planned

A MOVEMENT is on foot to effect a closer union between Norway and Sweden. Norway and Sweden are two free, independent sovereign States under one king, the union dating from 1815. Under the Norwegian Grundlov, or constitution, as also under the Swedish Grundlov, the management of all foreign affairs is left to the monarch. The Rigssakt, or Treaty of Union, took no ground against the personal power of the Crown. The countries have nothing in common except the king, who in the management of foreign affairs may call to his assistance either a Swede or a Norwegian. In practice the foreign minister has always been a Swede — an arrangement that has not been satisfactory to Norway. In 1885, by a change in the Swedish Grundlov, the king was bound to employ a Swede as foreign minister. Norway is thus prevented from having an efficient control in affairs which may be of the utmost moment to her. The Crown Prince Regent Gustave, however, is now in conference with members of the Swedish and Norwegian Parliaments, and favors free and amicable negotiations looking to the realization of perfect equality between the two countries. The scheme includes propositions for a common Swedish or Norwegian foreign minister, and for a special consular service for each country.

Susan Coolidge Dead

SARAH CHAUNCEY WOOLSEY, who was better known as "Susan Coolidge," a favorite author, died at Newport, Rhode Island, April 9, aged seventy years. She was the daughter of the late John M. Woolsey, and a niece of ex-President Woolsey of Yale College. Her books are for the most part stories for children, comprising the "Katy-Did" series and other popular tales. Susan Coolidge was also a frequent contributor to *St. Nicholas*, the *Century*, the *Independent*, and other magazines. She revised and edited the "Life and Letters of Mrs. Dalloway" and the "Memoirs of Madame d'Arblay." In her artistic home in Newport she had for years such neighbors and friends as Charlotte Cushman, Mary Clemmer, Kate Field, Julia Ward Howe, Louise Chandler Moulton, and Thomas Wentworth Higginson. Miss Woolsey was a charming conversationalist, and her home was a centre of culture and refined sociability.

Russian Fleet Divided

INTEREST in the war in the Far East just now chiefly centres on the movements of the squadrons of Admirals Rojestvensky and Togo. The main squadron of Admiral Rojestvensky is now reported to be 150 miles from Singapore, at anchor off the Anambas Islands. It is possible that the Anambas Islands are to be the rendezvous for the entire fleet, hitherto divided to puzzle Togo's scouts and to delay an attack. If the Russian admiral desires to put his vessels into better condition before meeting the Japanese fleet, he may shape his course for the port of Saigon, in French Indo-China. It is off Formosa that the Japanese evidently expect the great naval battle to be fought. Several United States war vessels have been detailed to patrol the west coast of Palawar Island, to enforce neutrality in the Philippines.

Balfour Cabinet Persists

IN spite of the result of the by-election at Brighton, when Gerald Loden, the newly-appointed Junior Lord of the Treasury, was defeated on his appeal for re-election in a constituency which never before for twenty years has failed to return a Unionist or Conservative candidate to Parliament by majorities of 2,000 and upwards, and notwithstanding cries of "Resign! Resign!" with which he was greeted on entering the House of Commons on April 5, Mr. Balfour persists in his determination to retain the reins of office. The Liberals are, however, jubilant over the general situation, and declare that the Brighton defeat is but the beginning of the end for the Balfour Ministry, and, in the phrase of Winston Churchill, a retribution for the Government's "shams and shuffles," and for the manner in which the Premier has treated Parliament. Gerald Balfour, president of the Local Government Board, speaking on April 7 at Leeds, declared that the Government had resolved to retain office so long as it possessed the confidence of Parliament. If cable reports from London are to be believed, the "confidence of Parliament" is at present in a state of unstable equilibrium.

TRUMPET TONES AND WHISPERS

IN such various accents and through such different means God speaks to the soul! Sometimes by the challenge and the blast of awakening, sometimes by the whisper in the soul's inmost chamber, but always God uttering Himself to His children!

It is not without peril to us that the Eternal thus chooses methods of disclosure so widely varied, for we are likely to forget that His way for us is not of necessity identical with His way of disclosure to another. We become so used to the utterance through one avenue that we cease to await the message at another. The diversity in the method by which God speaks, however, promotes most perfectly the larger life of those who listen. If I do not hear the whisper, I must not declare that its holy prompting has not come to my brother. If he has heard nothing but a strident blare in the trumpet tone which aroused me to know God's will and to do it, he must not affirm that the sound could not have been divinely vocal to me. So often we must be shown that the ways by which God makes known His purposes are infinite in variety!

Why should we spend time in questioning the validity of each other's trumpet calls and spiritual whispers when, after all, there is only one matter which ought to claim consideration, that is, our own alertness to divine the prompting that may be borne in through either channel? The tuning of my own life to chord with the celestial harmony is my task. The sensitiveness of my own ear to pick out the divine meaning of the thousand sounds that are beating upon me is the object of my striving. What my brother hears, or how, is not my concern; my task is to open every source of impulse, and then, with tense eagerness, to listen.

COUPLINGS

THERE is a mechanical problem of perfect couplings. Engines must be belted to wheels, shaft must be coupled to shaft, locomotive must be linked to car. The perfect use of power depends very much upon couplings. There is a spiritual problem of couplings. Ideals must be belted to deeds, visions must be incorporated in action, spiritual motive must become energetic in practical toil. The realization of spiritual power depends very much on couplings.

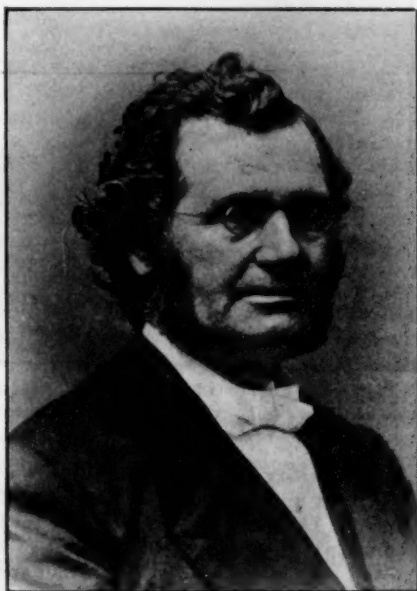
Christianity is represented at various times by different terms which seem to come into current use to express its essential character. The modern word which we are meeting on every hand is the term "power," or "dynamic." It may be heard everywhere, in recent books, essays, addresses. There is no doubt concerning the timeliness of the conception. It is satisfying, as we seek to know the inner meaning of the Christian religion, to find it gathered up in such a word as "power."

The new idea does not solve the old problem, however. The church is not so much concerned with fresh discussions of the nature of the Christian religion as it is with the practical pressing problem of bringing the Christian motive into perfect

control over the action of living men. Here is the point at which we need illumination and help. Here, also, is the point where practical service in the parish is most severely tested. Truly constructive thinking in Christian theology may finally discover more modern meanings in the nature of the dynamic; but the supreme modern demand is for the practical construction of couplings.

May we suggest a reassertion of the old method rather than announce the discovery of the new? For the individual the problem of power, which is the problem of couplings, lies now precisely where it lay when Jesus called the fishermen to follow Him — in the surrender of the

personal will of the individual to a new love and service. All efforts to localize conversion in the period of adolescence, all attempts to make regeneration reasonable and natural as a psychological process, has not in the least obviated its central importance as a radical change in personal purpose when the will of an individual answers in full consent the invitation and command of God. Then comes connection with power. Then the dynamic of Christianity becomes available for personal life. This is the simple, entire matter of spiritual union with God. We must give ourselves to Him, fully and with steadfast resolution. Our own will makes the spiritual coupling.



REV. E. STUART BEST



MRS. ELIZABETH C. F. BEST

Golden Wedding

THE fiftieth anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. E. Stuart Best was quietly but very happily celebrated in their home at 92 Lawrence St. (Linden), Malden, April 5. During the afternoon and evening old friends, including many parishioners from churches which Mr. and Mrs. Best had served, friends in Malden, relatives, and ministers, called to proffer their congratulations and to leave permanent and generous testimonials of their affection. Prominent among the number present, when we called, was ex-Gov. Garcelon of Maine, standing erect and vigorous at 92 years of age. Refreshments were generously served during the afternoon and evening.

The Best family, as far as their history can be traced, originated in the west of England. They were staunch followers of Oliver Cromwell. Some of them were officers in his army when he invaded Ireland and drove the Roman Catholic population from the northern to the southern provinces. The landed estates which he captured and confiscated were divided among his soldiers. This led to the settlement of some of the Bests in the province of Ulster, where many of their descendants still reside. From the days of John Wesley Methodism had strong attractions for the Best family. E. Stuart Best was converted at fourteen years of age, and became a local preacher in England. He preached trial sermons and passed examinations as a candidate for the Wesleyan ministry, but an unhappy agitation then rending the church, led him to come to America, for whose democratic and liberal ideas he had always an intense affection. He joined the New England Conference in 1851, with Fales H.

Newhall, George M. Steele, Gilbert Haven and W. C. High. Mr. Best's three brothers studied with him for the ministry, two of whom were noted for faithful, earnest work in the ministry; but one died before completing his studies.

In 1855 Mr. Best married Miss Elizabeth Cushman Farnum, of New Gloucester, Maine, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. H. Pillsbury, uncle of the bride. She, too, came of sterling Methodist stock, nine Methodist ministers originating in and being connected with her family. She joined the church at fourteen years of age in Poland, Me. From that little country church, where Jesse Lee once preached, have gone out thirty-four ministers and ministers' wives. Their first appointment after marriage was to the Medford Methodist Episcopal Church. Six children were given to them, four of whom were living to celebrate with them this happy occasion — William S. Best, of Brookline; Edward S. Best, of Dorchester; Mrs. Louie F. Cumnock, of Boston; and Miss Rosamond Best, at home.

From far-away Pasadena, Cal., came a characteristic message from Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Bragdon, containing, with other enclosure, orange blossoms, which closed as follows: "Believe our wishes earnest, our blessings for what you have always been to us, loving and kind, most hearty, and our prayers sincere for a smooth evening sail, with its benediction of calm, so thoroughly earned and deserved."

God is more ready to forgive the blotted page of endeavor than the blank page of surrender.

Miss Susan Babcock Found

LAST week we announced that Dr. D. C. Babcock's daughter, Susan Parkman Babcock, left the parsonage in Milford, N. H., on Sunday morning about 6 o'clock, and did not return. Notwithstanding the thorough and systematic searching of the woods and dragging of the river and contiguous streams, no trace of the missing girl was discovered until Sunday morning last, when a new and general search was instituted by the men and boys of Milford. Leaving the Square at 8 o'clock, parties started in every direction, and in about an hour the body was discovered in Wheeler's meadow, resting against a large rock in close proximity to a brook. Her cape was blown over her face, which fact, giving the body the appearance of a stump as seen from the Mt. Vernon road, prevented discovery. The medical examiner pronounced death due to exhaustion.

For some years Miss Babcock had been a sufferer from seasons of nervous and mental prostration, producing sleeplessness and melancholia. Her mother, to whom she was unusually attached and devoted, died July 2, 1903. This bereavement quite overcame the daughter, accentuating her malady, and making it necessary that she be treated by specialists. She had a slight attack Christmas week and a worse one in January. The last one began Friday, March 31. She was better Saturday noon, but grew worse toward night, and neither she nor her father undressed. They were up by 5 A. M., and at 5.45 she seemed better and wanted to go out for a short walk. Her father thought it would do her good, and as he opened the door to let her out gave her his usual kiss and said, "You will be back soon?" and she, kissing him, said, "Yes." She tripped up the walk toward the church, and that was the last seen of her alive.



REV. D. C. BABCOCK, D. D.

Miss Babcock was a woman of ability, decisive Christian character, and usefulness. Born in Salem, N. H., April 24, 1864, she was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, and at Wesleyan Female College, Wilmington, Del., from which she was graduated March 23, 1882. She was also a graduate from the National School of Elocution and Oratory in Philadelphia. She began to teach in Philadelphia in 1887, and continued to do so for some years. She also taught in Claremont, Franconia, Lancaster, Stratford, Lunenburg, Vt., and Whitefield, N. H., until the marriage of her sister, Mary

A., to Rev. J. Roy Dinsmore, now of Manchester, N. H., ten years ago last June. Since that time she has lived with her father and mother. She had some symptoms of nervous prostration before she gave up teaching, but they yielded to treatment. While at Dover, about seven years ago, she was elected secretary of the New Hampshire Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, and served four years with



SUSAN PARKMAN BABCOCK

marked ability and acceptance. She was an earnest and aggressive Christian. The Epworth League pin at her throat in the accompanying portrait is significant of her avowed Christian activity. She had spent several summers at Hedding Camp ground, making many appreciative friends there.

Funeral services occurred on Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist Church at Milford. Interment was at Penacook, where she was laid at rest beside her mother.

Real Conditions in New England

THE Rev. Dr. J. H. Mansfield, presiding elder of Cambridge District, New England Conference, in making his annual report to that body last week, reveals the real conditions in New England. He said: "The immigrants crowd in upon us, driving out American families and virtually making mission fields where once our churches were strong. The depletion of churches by constant removals to the suburbs gives us our hardest fields where once we had our greatest results."

Particular attention is called to this accurate diagnosis of the situation, which so many outside our borders fail to rightly apprehend. Neither the Methodist Episcopal Church, nor any other denomination, is responsible for what now exists. Not only is New England being overwhelmed by this foreign inundation, but the brightest and best of the younger generation in the rural sections are going out from us to the great West and other parts of the country. Herein lies the reason that every one of our six patronizing Conferences shrunk in membership in the last quadrennium. New England is already missionary ground. This is not prophecy or theory, but stern and unrelenting fact. We plead then in common justice that our Christian brethren at large should try to understand New England and not misapprehend and censure the denominations which are doing their best to adjust themselves to such changing and overwhelming conditions.

Field Agent for the Herald

AS the result of mature deliberation by the Wesleyan Association, and at the request of the business and editorial management of ZION'S HERALD, Rev. F. H. Morgan, of the New England Conference, has been selected as field agent for the paper. His special work will be to aid the ministers in our patronizing Conferences to secure subscribers for the HERALD. He is to be the minister's helper and in no case his substitute, and all subscribers secured are to belong to, and to be controlled by, the stationed pastor exactly as under old-time conditions. Mr. Morgan will enter upon his work immediately, and will heartily welcome invitations from the ministers to spend Sundays or week-nights with them, either to preach, to lecture, or to assist in evangelistic services. He will occupy an office in Room 9, at 36 Bromfield St. — the business department of the paper — and invites the ministers to call upon him for consultation, or to address him there for appointments. He would be glad to arrange an extended and comprehensive itinerary at the earliest possible date.

While engaged in business in Lawrence, Mr. Morgan was converted in Garden St. Church under the pastorate of Rev. Charles Parkhurst. He was licensed to preach under Rev. Charles Tilton, in Milford, and was appointed a supply at Seabrook, N. H., leaving a business life for the ministry in 1888. After two and one-half years at Seabrook, he was invited to Orono, Maine, and later to Skowhegan. In 1894 he was appointed to the foreign field by Bishop Thoburn, and stationed at Singapore. After six years he returned to America. Mrs. Morgan died June 4, 1900. He was appointed to Maplewood in September, 1901, and to Gardner in 1904. The church at Gardner very reluctantly re-



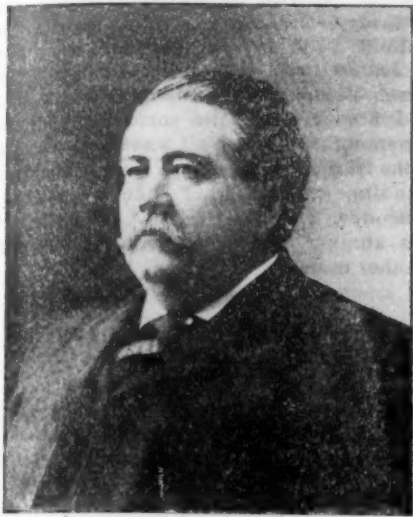
REV. F. H. MORGAN

leases him at the urgent request of the Wesleyan Association.

Noteworthy Vermont Layman

THE *Vermont*, in the March number, presents a sketch and portrait of Hon. Frank Plumley, prefacing it with this wholly deserved tribute: "Hon. Frank Plumley is one of the foremost 'Vermont men of today.' He is an able lawyer, a fine orator, and a man of affairs. He has rendered valuable public service to his town, to the State, and to the nation, and has won worldwide distinction as arbi-

trator in international disputes." He is an ardent Republican, and has for many years been prominent in the counsels of the party. A consistent and conspicuous temperance advocate, he has filled the most important offices in local and State temperance organizations. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Northfield, Vt., a teacher in the Sunday-school, and is always there when in town.



HON. FRANK PLUMLEY

He was the lay delegate to the last General Conference. In May, 1903, President Roosevelt appointed him umpire in the British-Venezuelan and Netherlands-Venezuelan mixed commissions. He subsequently spent six months in Caracas, Venezuela, hearing and deciding the claims presented by representatives of these governments. In December, 1904, he was notified by France and Venezuela that they had selected him to act as umpire in the mixed commission of the two countries. Mr. Plumley began his duties as umpire Feb. 1, 1905, and concluded them Feb. 14. As arbitrator in these international cases his decisions received the commendation of all parties interested, and gained for him a wide reputation for fairness and judicial ability. Mr. Plumley was married, Aug. 9, 1871, to Lavinia L. Fletcher, of Eden, and has two sons, Charles A. and Theodore Y.

Life a Reliability Run

THE development of the high-powered automobile has introduced a number of new forms of sport, for those who have the means to indulge in them, some of which are by no means to be commended. The mile-a-minute racer is not uncommon, and every now and then the newspapers contain a brief obituary notice of some owner—or chauffeur—who has smashed his brains out in the mad rush to make a record. But there is another and better kind of record that can be made by the aspiring automobilist who subordinates speed to safety—and that is the endurance test. An international "reliability run" was recently held in France. A total distance of about 870 miles was covered in stages of about 62 miles each.

The Christian life is in like manner a reliability run. Only he who endures to the end shall be saved. The pilgrim who makes a hundred yards' dash at the start, but who leters by the way, or later abandons the King's highway altogether, will receive no award. Even among those Christian pilgrims who do endure unto the end there are great differences. Some are reliable souls. You always know where to find them; they are as regular at their tasks as

circumstances permit them to be; like well-drilled soldiers they stand faithfully on post. Others are fickle, fitful, erratic, blowing now hot and again cold, breaking down every now and then, and unfit, in consequence, to be entrusted with serious responsibilities. The need today is for more reliable people. In the churches, society and the business world the call is for the steady runner, the dependable worker. Brilliancy is all very well in its way, but being there is better. The factor of speed is not an unimportant element in its place, but the prime consideration is ability to withstand the wear and tear of life, and disciplined devotion, which, renewing its strength daily in the Lord, bravely breasts the tasks and toils of the successive days till cares and toils are done.

The Battle of the Hymns

THE church catholic must conquer by its songs. Partisan and sectarian victories in time past have been won by just such means. Arius, in the beginning of the fourth century, promoted the spread of his doctrine by writing "Songs for the Sea, for the Mill, and for the Highway," which a century later Chrysostom combated by counter hymns in defence of the Catholic doctrine. Jerome, a contemporary of Chrysostom, says that in his day "you could not go into the fields but you should hear the plowman at his hallelujahs, the mower at his hymns, and the vine-dresser intoning the (imitated) psalms." If by attractive melodies error has been sung up, by equally attractive psalms or spiritual songs it may be sung down. This battle of the hymns is always going on. There is no reason why the powers which make for evil should be possessed of all the good music, nor indeed why the Christian should not outsing them. If sin set to music constitutes a peculiar peril, why not combat it with holiness set to finer music still?

PERSONALS

—In a letter from Rev. E. M. Antrim, of Springfield, renewing the subscription of Lucius E. Ladd, he says: "It is the 62d subscription; he still greatly enjoys the HERALD at 88 years of age."

—The Methodist preachers of Nashville have prepared and signed a request to Bishop Galloway to make that city his home.

—Bishop William Burt reports that in Norway and Sweden he addressed congregations of 2,500 and 4,000 people, and in these places many converts were gathered into the Methodist Episcopal Church.

—John G. Woolley, temperance reformer, lecturer and editor of the *New Voice*, has gone to New Zealand to recuperate from nervous strain and "worry." May he speedily find the relief and solace which he seeks and so richly deserves!

—H. C. Blirm, who for more than sixty years was a member of the Shaker colony at East Canterbury, N. H., died recently, aged 81. He had filled all the important offices in the community, acting as trustee, elder and minister. He edited several Shaker periodicals, and was widely known as a Shaker author. During his active years he directed the printing establishment of the colony.

—The wife of Rev. L. H. Massey, of Sagamore, is bereaved in the death of her father, Mr. L. D. Warren, of Dover, Me., who passed away on Sunday, April 2, at an

advanced age. Four years ago this spring she buried her mother.

—At the recent session of the Baltimore Conference Rev. George W. King, D. D., was appointed to Dumbarton Ave., Washington, D. C.,—an excellent church.

—Dr. C. C. Bragdon, principal of Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, who has spent the winter at his residence in Pasadena, Cal., will return to the Seminary next week.

—Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse University is the only Methodist among the representative preachers who are announced to deliver sermons in the chapel of Union Theological Seminary on "The Unity of the Faith." Dr. Day's subject will be, "The Christian Life of Active Service."

—The *Christian Guardian* of Toronto, Canada, says last week: "Dr. S. Lynch Beiler made a good impression in this city both by his sermons in the Metropolitan on Sunday week, and by his address on 'The Church and Higher Education,' at the Methodist Social Union banquet on the following Monday evening."

—Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon before the faculty and students of Lasell Seminary for Young Women, Auburndale, on Sunday, June 4, and Bishop Charles H. Fowler will deliver the Commencement address on Tuesday, June 6.

—It was to be expected that the official board of Central Church, Detroit, would invite Dr. Geo. Elliott to return for another year. As we read the announcement of the fact in the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, remembrance of a sermon which we heard Dr. Elliott preach twenty years ago in Foundry Church, Washington, upon Moses, was revived. The best evidence of a great preacher is the degree to which his sermons possess and remain with his hearers.

—Rev. S. W. Bidwell, a local preacher living at East Middlebury, Vt., writes that, though he is 95 years of age, he is in comfortable health, that he has been a preacher for seventy years, and has officiated at nearly one hundred funerals. His last appointment was East Middlebury. Though at so advanced an age, he wrote his letter to the editor without glasses, and closes it with these strong words of personal assurance: "I know my Redeemer lives, and because He lives, I shall live also."

—Rev. W. H. Butler, of East Weymouth, has a book in press on "Man in Society: A Consideration of Some First Principles." The purpose of the volume is "to extricate the Individual from the Cosmic and Social pressure into which he has been flung, to restore him to his own place clothed in his essential garment of Ideality and in his right mind Spiritually." From the foregoing it will be at once seen that Mr. Butler is the opposite of a Socialist. The work will be awaited with interest.

—Rev. John H. Hillman, of Greenwich, N. Y., a member of the New Hampshire Conference, en route to the coming session at Claremont, attended the New England Conference at Melrose, Saturday and Sunday last, meeting a number of former acquaintances and brethren and enjoying greatly the various services he attended. He called on Monday at the HERALD office and at the Book Room.

—President Roosevelt, in his own absence and that of Secretary Hay from Washington, has designated Secretary Taft to "sit on the lid" of the boiling cauldron of diplomatic questions, including the Dominican, Venezuelan, and possibly Moroccan problems. As Secretary Taft is a very ponderous man, weighing 300 pounds, he is em-

inently suited to serve in the capacity of a weight on the safety-valve of the State Department.

— "At Easter Time" is the title of an attractive booklet, in paper covers, in which appear nine beautiful Easter poems from the pen of our highly-prized and well-known contributor, Meta E. B. Thorne. Several of these tender and comforting poems first appeared in our columns, and have been copied far and wide.

— Trinity Church, this city, to be forever known as the church of Phillips Brooks, and to which E. Winchester Donald gave splendid service, has secured a fitting successor to both in Dr. Alexander Mann, of Orange, N. J. The *Boston Herald* thus fittingly characterizes him: "Dr. Mann is a fine specimen of physical as well as mental manhood—erect, broad-shouldered, athletic, strong-featured. The son of a clergyman, brother of a bishop, and himself thrice named for a bishopric. He brings a reputation for broad-mindedness and activity in practical causes which will make him most welcome to Boston."

BRIEFLETS

The New York *Christian Advocate* of last week presents an encouraging report of the result of union evangelistic services recently held in Rutland, Vt. "At a service for children 150 arose and went forward." On the morning of March 26, 58 persons were taken into the Methodist Church on probation, 14 by letter and from probation, and 33 were baptized.

The spring meeting of the Woburn Conference of Congregational Churches, held in the Congregational Church at West Medford, April 11, took as its general theme, "The New Emphasis on Evangelism." The phrasing of the topic in this way, instead of saying, "The Emphasis on the New Evangelism," is significant of the tendency of Christians today to go to work to save souls without disputing beforehand as to the precise definitions which one or another might give as to a theory of salvation. The theory is important, but the proper emphasis is to be placed on the evangelism that evangelizes, rather than on tenets, past or present.

Friends of the missionary cause will rejoice that the church at Hazardville, Conn., of which Rev. G. A. Grant is pastor, has made another advance in her splendid record of annual contributions for foreign missions. Last year the amounts contributed were: From church, \$1,155; from Sunday-school, \$255; total, \$1,410. It was expected that the removal of several loyal families during the year would materially lessen the benevolent contributions; but the people made a noble rally, with the result that this year's missionary offerings are: From church, \$1,201; from Sunday-school, \$273; total, \$1,474. The other benevolences are correspondingly large.

In these days of extreme specialization in colleges the old type of all-round professor, which still persists in some of the smaller institutions, seems a rather peculiar survival. The story is told of President Eliot that once when making a visit to the Pacific Coast, he met such an omnibus instructor, who, on being asked what chair he held, confessed to being a professor of biology, but also gave instruction, he said, in "meteorology, botany, physiology, chemistry, entomology, and a few others." "I should say that you occupied a whole set-

tee, not a chair," said the renowned head of Harvard. Despite the progress that has been made in many educational lines in recent years, there may still be use, in some lesser, more isolated institutions, for the man who "occupies the whole settee."

That was a fine thought of Bishop Fowler, that young preachers—and old ones, too, for that matter—are not to "save the faith," but to save by means of the faith. The faith of Christian believers rests upon objective realities that do not any more need to be steadied and secured than Gibraltar needs to be guyed up and buttressed. There is no need for nervous worrying lest the foundations be removed. But there is every need for utmost effort in order that the unbelieving, who are unstable in all their ways, be brought to plant themselves firmly and forever on the irremovable Rock of Ages.

To think is the duty of every man to whom the Lord has given any brains at all. To be sure, men have often thought wrongly. "Behold, I thought," said Naaman of old—and made a mule of his thinking. But it is possible to think clearly, and, up to the measure of one's own capacity and opportunity, adequately, if the enlightening assistance of the Spirit of God, in directing the processes and supplementing the results of reason, be humbly invoked by the would-be seeker after truth.

There is, so to speak, an art of being—that is, of continuing to be. The problem is to make the forces of invigoration to surpass, or at least to equal, the action of decay. It may not be possible for many thus to keep the physical frame in repair, and to maintain the balance between depletion and repletion, but it ought to be practicable for the mind to renew itself day by day, and it is certainly to be expected that the spiritual powers will be reinvigorated with a gathering accumulation of strength as the Christian believer nears the "land of pure delight." The delight of that land may perhaps finally be found to reveal itself in exact proportion to the increase of spiritual capacity which the soul has managed to achieve while here below, by its energetic endurance against all odds.

According to "Claudius Clear"—who is probably Dr. Robertson Nicoll, of the *British Weekly*, in disguise—the editor of the cheap paper has a task to perform beside which the task of editing the *Times* is child's play. While the *Times* and papers of its kind may safely fill their pages with practically unedited speeches and Parliamentary reports, in the cheap paper, which means a more condensed sheet, "every paragraph must justify its appearance." In these circumstances editing "becomes a fine art." A great part of good editing always consists in the knowing what to leave out. In the cheap paper—which may be cheap in nothing but price—the perforations of the strainer through which the news and notions of the day pass must necessarily be smaller than those which admit copy to the roomy receptacles of the big sheet.

There are many who delight to express wonder at the perfect character of the Son of Man who do not adequately estimate the wonder of the gospel record. It has been well said the life of Christ in this world was a miracle; but the record is a miracle, too. "The story of a perfect life is as much a miracle in literature as the perfect life itself is a miracle in humanity." Higher criticism and all other kinds of criticism must take account of the inscrutable element, the

residuum of mystery, in the biblical records, for in the Word there moves a Spirit not of man, though on the side of man, and working for man's supremest good.

"Tragedy is all about us in this world. A noted preacher has remarked: 'I believe we would love everybody we came near to if we realized what a hard time they are having. No two people would ever quarrel if they could be each other for a little while.' With this agrees the observation of Longfellow: 'If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.' Much of the friction of life comes from misunderstanding of the other man's positions, pressures, and possibilities. If we knew one another better, we would love one another more."

The evangelistic campaign in Malden, under the direction of Evangelist Telford, in which the First Baptist, Centre Methodist, Belmont Hill Methodist, and First Congregational Churches cordially united, came to a close on Sunday evening, April 9, with a powerful service in the First Congregational Church. The house was literally packed with people, and the countable results were probably more numerous than those obtained at any previous meeting of the series. On the whole this movement has proved a great blessing to the city. It has developed an unsuspected hunger on the part of the people for the definite evangelistic note, brought about sympathy of feeling, and disclosed unity of aim among the churches, and paved the way for future successes on the same line. The unchurched mass has not been broken into extensively, but genuine conversions have occurred in nearly every service, and the aggregate of those who have decided for Christ is considerable. Too much cannot be said in favor of the sane, thorough methods of Dr. Telford. Always dignified and courteous, he is an able preacher and winner of souls. Malden will not forget him, and will pray that his bow may abide in strength for many years.

New England Conference

ELSEWHERE will be found a report of the session of the New England Conference, including the appointments. That the adjustments, on the whole, were wise, and the best that could be made under all the circumstances, we believe that both our ministers and people, upon mature deliberation, will admit. Bishop Fowler came to the administration of many important and delicate problems, involving honest differences of opinion, and, in some cases, much personal feeling. From the first he showed a determined purpose to secure light from all available sources. He was freely open to suggestion from all who sought him; but, more than that, he expressed the desire to advise with persons who did not seek him, that he might obtain all possible information. Prominent laymen among us, anxious only for the best possible good to the denomination in our critical field, were insistently taken into his counsel. He has signally magnified his great office in the presidency of the Conference, and has left grateful and fragrant impressions. He was sympathetic, brotherly and especially tender when he was constrained, in his godly judgment, to make changes of appointments which were unexpected. His addresses to the Conference have been

characteristically forceful and helpful. His sermon on Sunday upon the Atonement was masterly and particularly timely.

The creation of the two new presiding elders—Rev. Drs. John Galbraith and C. F. Rice—will meet with general approval, and promises much in fresh and vigorous leadership. We shall present portraits of both in the next issue. Rev. Dr. J. H. Mansfield retires from the presiding eldership after seventeen years of successful experience, carrying with him the grateful affection of ministers and churches. To Rev. Dr. W. T. Perrin, retiring from the Boston District with the confidence and love of everybody, is committed the crucial problem of our denomination in Greater Boston.

"ON THE ROAD TO MANDALAY"

REV. DILLON BRONSON.

A CITY of magnificent distances and wretched hotels is

Madras.

We were told that Miss Stephens' Methodist Orphanage was "near" our dirty hostelry, which meant a drive of at least three miles. Nearly all Indian cities have several open spaces in the foreign quarter larger than Boston Common. This, of course, will prove a great advantage to the English soldiery if another mutiny ever occurs. Even the mission "compounds," we rejoice to say, are large and airy, and many a Mohammedan tomb is enclosed with a wall miles in circuit. Europeans (a term which means all white people) never walk, and the roads with rest houses and dak bungalows provided by the Government are as fine for bicycles as any I have ever seen. They are very level and smooth, and often beautifully shaded, and as straight as an arrow for many miles. Madras has noble public buildings, and among other educational institutions a "Christian College" with a thousand eager students. We were glad, also, to see the fine Y. M. C. A. buildings, given by the prince of American merchants, John Wanamaker. When we left Madras, we were carried on men's shoulders to a large rowboat, and then after satisfying the demands of a score of "coolies" bawling "backshish," were rowed about half a mile to our good Rangoon ship, one of a splendid fleet of 130 belonging to the British India Co. We were surprised to find new steamers of this line with all first-class accommodation astern, and the second-class quarters more comfortably situated amidships. We had 1,500 deck passengers, who did not allow us much sleep, for "natives" have no regular rest hours, and when they do sleep have no objection to pandemonium reigning all about. It is a pleasant three days' journey (1000 miles) from Madras to Rangoon, and all the ship's officers were kind and social. Long before we could see land we were obliged to cease bathing because of the muddy water from the great Irrawaddy River. The Rangoon River is one of the many mouths of the Irrawaddy, and the shore is very low and flat, but the three miles along the city front presented a very busy scene, with a score of rice and lumber mills and the anchored ships of many nations.

Burma is a very rich part of the great Indian Empire. It extends over 18 degrees of latitude and supports a rapidly in-

creasing population of ten millions.

Rangoon

is growing like a young Chicago, and great fortunes have recently been made by dealers in city lots. Our church owns a valuable property for orphanage and girls' schools, and is seeking to acquire more land for the new building for the boys' school. This is sorely needed, as the school is now housed in a miserable, tumble-down structure where it must pay high rental because it can do no better. Rangoon is a city of mixed population, with comparatively few pure Burmese, who are too proud to do the work usually performed by Chinese or Madras coolies. The Burmese men are called lazy, while, everybody admits, the women have energy enough to please even an American.

The Baptists have been working among the Karens, a race inferior to the Burmese, for about one hundred years, and what they have accomplished for that people would well be worth all the cost of Christian missions in the nineteenth century. Our Baptist brethren have made one mistake, however, in refusing to translate the Bible into Burmese with the word "baptize" in it. They make it read "immerse" in every case; but we can forgive them freely if they do not allow the water to freeze on them and make them bigoted, for there are many Methodists in India (and some in America) who ought to be immersed—repeatedly. Our own missionaries in Rangoon, living in a trying climate, in the midst of very depressing sights, "with nine months hot weather and three months hotter," seem to us to be greatly overworked. They should have at least ten new recruits from America and \$10,000 for buildings this year. The work among the Burmese Buddhists (seven millions in number) is only just begun, and Burma, with her tremendous possibilities, is one of the most important mission districts on our planet.

We met Bishop Robinson at Rangoon. He had just returned after an absence of twenty years to hold Conference in a former parish. We rejoice that the problems of our church in Burma are in the hands of such a wise and cautious leader, who is ably assisted by Presiding Elder Price and his little band of helpers.

At Rangoon we visited the Great Pagoda, 1,350 feet in circumference at the base and 328 feet high. Vast wealth has been lavished on the gold leaf and bells on this beautiful structure, one of the most sacred objects on earth to 100,000,000 Buddhists. Other fortunes have been expended on the grotesque shrines which surround it. Burma is the land of pagodas. We have seen as many as a thousand in one day. Everybody who builds a pagoda acquires great merit thereby. They are usually not repaired, however, and so are seen in every state of dilapidation.

One morning we drove out, past the great Baptist College, to MacPherson's lumber mill to see the elephants pile the huge teak logs. A dozen of the noble beasts were working away in the mill and yard, doing everything their ignorant drivers bade them, showing almost human intelligence, and always exercising their own judgment about when and how long they would rest.

A railway journey of about four hundred miles brought us to

Mandalay,

the very interesting old capital of Upper Burma, where King Thebaw was deposed by the English nineteen years ago. The railway service is very good, and the station-master in Rangoon kindly offered us a reserved compartment. There is a splendid high bridge, some distance beyond Mandalay, built by an American steel company, because they underbid all competitors and did the work in less time; but we understand the Government will not allow another such job to be taken from English hands. It means much for English firms to have the building and equipping of the many thousand miles of railroad in this great empire. We were surprised to learn that a telegraph message from Burma to any part of India costs but eight cents, if sent "deferred," which means to be delivered in a few hours, when "urgent" messages are out of the way.

We shall never forget our sunrise drive through the broad streets of Mandalay. Thousands of Buddhist priests, in their bright yellow robes, were foraging from door to door with their begging bowls. The rice and dal collected were taken to the gorgeously carved and gilded monasteries where the priests live in common, and teach the boys to read until there is absolutely no illiteracy among them. We went twice to the palace, surrounded by a great wall four miles in circuit, and admired the many strange but costly buildings and the royal tombs. We breakfasted next morning at the Wesleyan Mission and visited their leper hospital with about one hundred and fifty victims of the dread disease, who receive all the help and sympathy that Christlike hearts can devise.

We have never seen a better electric car service than we found in Mandalay. The cars are even better and run faster than in Boston, and as you speed through the wide streets which run in checkerboard fashion, and are numbered and lettered as in Lincoln, Nebraska, one can hardly believe that all these funny people squatting on their heels and smoking paper cigars as large as their wrists, have not been transported to western America.

A few days later, on our Calcutta steamer, we met an Armenian who built the great new market at Mandalay and eighty buildings in Rangoon. He came to Rangoon a poor lad without one cent in his pocket, and has built up a great business, as have others of his race, by honesty and never-ceasing industry. I told him of his fellow countryman in the New England Conference who has made himself a much-desired pastor by the same splendid qualities. After all, there is no genius like the genius for hard work. *Labor omnia vincit*, and always will.

On the same two days' voyage from Rangoon to Calcutta we met a Buddhist priest who is a great linguist and presented me with his Pali grammar. He promised to visit us in America. If he does, we shall have some good times talking of the gentle Gautama, whose imperfect teachings are surely to be completed and fulfilled in the religion of the Penniless Prince of Palestine. "When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away."

THE "EMPIRE OF POLAND" CIRCUIT

Some Reminiscences

J. W. PENNEY.

IT seems a sane and safe statement that nowhere else in the State of Maine does there exist such an environment of unique historical and biographical reminiscence as that which clusters around the one-time "Empire of Poland Circuit"—a circuit which, in its full bloom, embraced nearly a score of towns, three of which have become cities, two of them—Portland and Lewiston—the largest in the State.

It could hardly have occurred to the quarterly conference secretary of the early days, when he entered on his record that "the next quarterly conference of the circuit would be held at the Empire of

Plantation of Bakerstown was felled. Here, still standing, is that Methodist shrine, the "Strout house," with its kitchen sanctuary, where the intrepid Jesse Lee, riding up from New Gloucester, preached in 1794, and in which Methodism had its genesis in this section of the State. Here, also, stands the first Methodist church built in the town, with its adjoining churchyard, where "the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

A word of explanation of the term, "Empire of Poland." Its origin as to date and promulgation is somewhat obscured by distance. That it obtained early in the first quarter of the nineteenth century seems probable, and that Hon. William Dunn, widely known as "Colonel," was its author, seems most appropriate, when the character of the man is considered. He is remembered as a man of affairs, of impressive presence, a political leader, widely known for his activities in governmental, educational, and religious interests. He represented the town in the State Legislature, and served in the Governor's Council. He died in 1862, aged seventy-five years. Proud of his native hills, broad, rich meadows, and piney plains, he in an exuberance of admiration named the easterly part of the town of Poland the "Empire of Poland." The name is perpetuated in the church records, and "Empire" it will undoubtedly continue to be forever.

In area the "Empire" is probably larger than the last town (Mechanic Falls) set off from the great parent town, Poland, which is the mother of four towns and one city—the "shire" of the county, "sweet Auburn," where law, learning, and leather hold sway. Poland, the offspring of ancient Bakerstown Plantation of 1736 and 1765, granted by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay to soldiers of the disastrous expedition against Canada in 1690, was incorporated a town in 1795, and named Poland by a Methodist—Moses Emery, a representative man of the township, father of Revs. Nathan and Moses, Jr., Emery. In its entirety it was rich in topographical beauty, well watered by seven beautiful ponds and the two Androscoggins. The surveyor also watered his survey, making the largest township on record. In prehistoric times it was

fertile ground for the historian, the romancer, the poet, and painter.

As the crow flies, two miles more or less, from the "Empire" where the initial settlement began, there is a hill—"Ricker Hill," grand, majestic, unique! Before Adam, nature gave birth to the hill with its perennial spring, and established her exquisite alchemy of beauty and health and joy, in perpetual perfection, and twentieth-century enterprise carries its water to the ends of the earth.

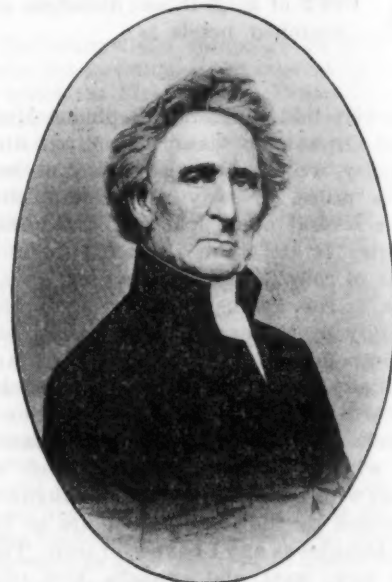
Years before Maine's last bloody Indian tragedy, John Nevers, in 1768, armed with gun and axe, turned his back on the block



J. W. Penney
Author of the Article

Poland," that divisions and sub-divisions, in the inexorable evolutions of the years, would cut and trim this famous circuit so that the "Empire of Poland," the focus of the circuit, would become in the closing years of the nineteenth century so reduced in membership as to be connected with another charge, and in the opening years of the twentieth century a "supply" station. But such is the record.

Time, adorning the ruin, has surrounded the "Empire" with an aureole of delightful legend and history, abounding in fragrant memories of great men, who



Bishop Joshua Soule

The first native Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Maine. Born in Bristol, Me., Aug. 1, 1781. Died in Nashville, Tenn., March 6, 1867.

house in New Gloucester, and, passing over the Bakerstown Plantation line, let sunlight kiss the responsive earth that for centuries had been shaded by the forest primeval. Here from this historic viewpoint—the old and perhaps the first cemetery of the town, where sleeps his dust—could have been heard the resounding blows of his axe, and the crash of the monarchs of the forest as they fell by his sturdy hand. Here, too, on the first clearing made in the township, yet stands the house he built—after his first log house—now more than a century old. It was here, in his log house, that he, as a leading spirit in military affairs, called together his neighbors upon receipt of the news of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, who there showed their patriotism and what was the fibre of the first settlers of the "Empire" by affixing their names to the following quaint but interesting document:

"A memorandm of an agreement maid and concluded by and between us the subscribers as follows, viz., as wee are now mat at mr John Nevinses in Baerstown so caled in the province of the masetusits Bay and County of Cumberland and think as it espires to us proper to be on our gard in ordr to secure our Livs and propertys as the anemy is ganing towards us and we do this twenty second day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy six mutly and volentarily ingag and promes to stand by sd. town in making a compny in sd. town and will from time to time and all times obay such officers as we shall apoint over us and bear our proporshineable parts of Cost and Charge that shall arise by Reason of the War or aney outhur



The Nehemiah Strout House
Built in 1790

"Low-posted, steep-roofed, square-rigged"

have added lustre to their day and generation.

Here, on this ancient highway that led from town to town, the first tree of the

ideal for the man of the age of stone, who has left testimony of his occupancy in his enduring implements of stone and pottery beside pond and stream. Old Poland is

thing for the Baniset of ad. town as Witness our hands."

The twenty-two names signed to the above document probably comprised all the settlers in this locality who were subject to military duty, and are as follows: Samuel Dennen, Joel Haskell, John Glover, Aaron Davis, Elezer Grant, Samuel Dennen, Nath'el Bayley, John Nevens, Moses Emery, Stephen Rollins, Daniel Lane, Zebulon Davis, Edmd. Bayley, Michial Tool, Samuel Morgan, Job Tucker, Nemeiher Tucker, John Hoyt, John Prince, Benj. Lane jun., George Francis, Joseph Francis. Several of them are known to have entered the service of the Revolutionary War, served with honor and suffered its hardships. Many of them lie in the old churchyard, in much to-be regretted unmarked graves, save the moss-grown, unincised rough field-stone tells only of a grave that belongs to the realm of an unremembered past.

The seed sown here by Jesse Lee fell into good ground and sprang into rich fruitage. Oh, what blessed memories cluster around the kitchen sanctuary of the "Empire!" "This and that man was born there." The initiative of Methodism here is contemporaneous with other sections of the State, i. e., in 1794, Lee's first visit of 1793 being "a visit of observation." Bishops Soule and Peck, and the early itinerants, Wager, Sneathen, Merritt, Finnegan, Taylor, Emery and others, have made its walls echo with the soul-thrilling message of the Gospel. It continued to be used for a place of worship till the church was built in 1823. The now venerable Nehemiah Strout house, "steep-roofed, square-rigged," with its old-fashioned mammoth kitchen, stands today a memorial of unique interest to every appreciative Methodist.

A class was organized in 1794, and a church in 1795; and the first quarterly meeting was held on December 4 of this year, at which Lee was present and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In 1802 Portland Circuit became Poland Circuit, and the "Empire of Poland" received its first appointed minister, Philip Munger, who rendered a church membership of 109. In 1823, the



Rev. B. F. Tefft, D. D., LL. D.

year the church was built — yet standing, and a gem of a country church, too — the membership was 332, which ran up to its maximum of 463 in 1825. Thus with rapid strides did this purely rural religious "Empire" grow.

With such an environment it is not surprising that frequent "calls to preach" were brought to the attention of the presiding elder of the district, and licenses

granted. Some forty ministers, it is said, have arisen from the "Empire" and its environs, i. e., within the town, nearly all of whom were Methodists. Old records disclose that some of these "calls" were sharply challenged by a certain old presiding elder, who sternly admonished certain ones that "unless they improved their gifts, at the next quarterly conference their license would not be renewed." To some, time and self-examination made it apparent that ministers were not so much called as made, and that a man who naturally was vain or colorless, heady, lazy, or wobbly, would hardly be called to promulgate the message divine. Others, a goodly number, with faces close to the ground, apprehended a physical and mental endowment, and, like the Tishbite, heard an unmistakable "Go." These came to fruit-



The John Nevens House
Built about 1787

age, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred-fold.

One of the most striking inscriptions and epitaphs in the old Empire churchyard, with its hundreds of graves, is cut on a modest granite monument and reads as follows:

REV. WILLIAM F. FARRINGTON

Member of the M. E. Church 74 years, and of the Me. and E. Me. Conference 32 years, and the N. E. Southern Conference 27 years.

Died Dec. 26, 1888, aged 88 yrs., 3 mos., 19 dys. He exported his treasure to heaven beforehand, has gone there to enjoy it.

As I read I involuntarily lifted my hat and inwardly exclaimed: "Here lies a real hero — an 'exporter' of treasure imperishable, to a country eternal, by conveyance divine! Here surely is Goldsmith's ideal minister who 'allured to brighter worlds, and led the way.'"

Rev. William Freeman Farrington, the first born minister of the "Empire of Poland," was born in 1800, Sept. 7. His father, Captain Farrington, built the first frame house in the settlement, which probably is equivalent to saying the first in the township. William F. was converted when fifteen years of age, and was early impressed with the conviction of his future life work. With the exception of self-instruction, it appears that his education consisted in what could be obtained in the little neighborhood schoolhouse that stood on the cemetery lot. In 1827, April 29, he received at a quarterly meeting held at "Poland Empire" an exhorter's license, and at a quarterly meeting at Otisfield in 1828 a license to preach. In 1829 he was received into the Conference on trial and appointed to Durham Circuit, as colleague of R. J. Ayer. His rise was rapid. His remarkable natural endowments, especially his gift of song, made him soon a preacher to be sought after by the foremost churches, and he served with much success all the leading churches in the Maine and East

Maine Conferences, was four years a presiding elder, and twice a delegate to the General Conference. In 1861 he was transferred to the Providence (now New England Southern) Conference, and filled some of the most important appointments.

Dr. Adam Clarke is quoted as saying that "None but a comely man should assume to be a minister!" Jenny Lind, when introduced to Daniel Webster, exclaimed: "I have seen a man!" Given a man of good and comely physique, instinctively a gentleman and inherently sympathetic, with a voice above mediocrity, and it would seem to be in harmony with universal law that he should have "a call to preach." That Mr. Farrington was endowed with an exuberance of these necessary qualifications for a minister of the Gospel is apparent. Of rare physical

beauty, tall and well-proportioned, straight as the lordly pine of his native heath, graceful in movement and speech, a symmetrical man, whose presence inspired admiration, respect, love. With a voice of marvelous beauty, power, and pathos, this sweet singer of Israel could move a congregation as the wind moves the forest, and often move a heart that was callous to a sermon. As illustrating his power of song, the following, by Rev. B. F. Tefft, D. D. (who found a wife at the "Empire"), will be of interest:

"At an Annual Conference in this State, he was called upon by the presiding Bishop to favor the vast audience of ministers and people



M. E. Church at the "Empire of Poland"
Built in 1823
"A gem of a country church"

with a song. All eyes were fixed upon him — breathing was almost suspended — when his large, massive, majestic figure was seen slowly rising above the crowd. Before the close of the first stanza, tears began to flow and suppressed shouts to break out over the whole house. Every one was doing his best, however, not to disturb the singer or mar the song. But the second stanza was too much for mortal patience; and during the whole of the third and

last, no living voice but his could have risen superior to the tempest of shouting and vociferation that threatened to swallow up both the singer and the music. When he sat down, the Bishop was seen weeping like a child; the vast gathering of people were melted, and it was full five minutes after the song had ceased before the Conference could be brought down into sufficient composure to resume the regular order of business."

At a camp-meeting at the Empire — for the "Empire of Poland" has a far famed camp-ground — a few years before his death, with countenance beaming with benignity and voice yet melodious, he gave the following testimony at a love-feast with thrilling effect:

"I love the Lord, I love His laws,
I love religion's blessed cause.
I love His faithful children, too.
I love His precious will to do.
I love to watch, I love to pray,
I love the straight and narrow way.
I love the crown, I love the cross,
I love the gold without the dross.
I love to talk, I love to sing,
I love to praise my heavenly King.
I love my Lord, I know I do,
I love the souls that He loves, too,
I love all those that have gone before,
I love my Saviour more and more."

The teachers "that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Dan. 12: 3).

Mechanic Falls, Me.

ON THE BORDER OF THE FORBIDDEN LAND

MISS CLEMENTINA BUTLER.

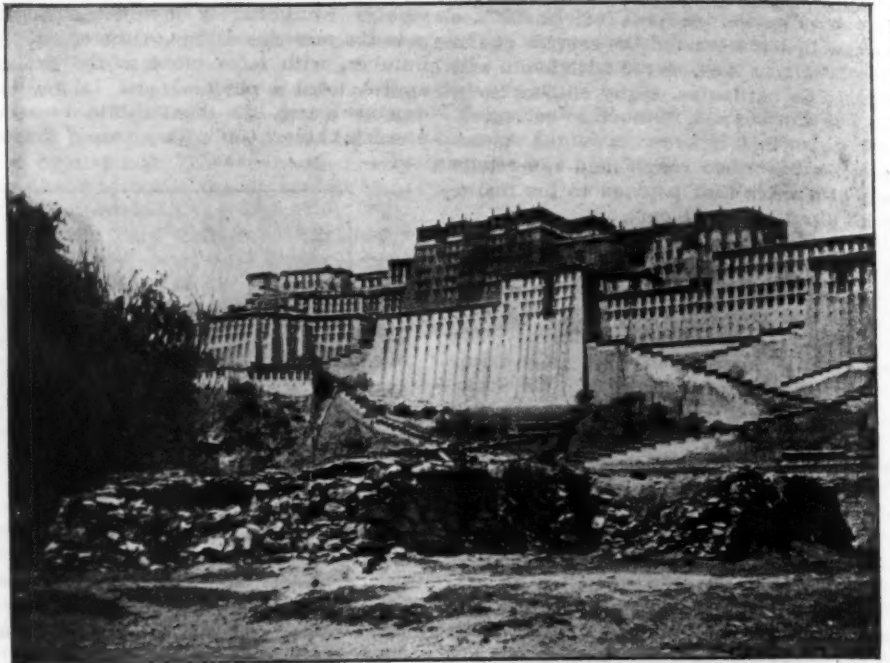
NEW England Branch is proud of having had in the ranks of its missionaries

Dr. Martha A. Sheldon,

who, after receiving her education and training in Boston University, has given fifteen splendid years of service in India. The latter part of this time has been spent up on the Pass in the Upper Himalayas, through which the Tibetan traders come with their goods to Northern India. Each summer for the past six or seven years she has made an excursion, with her companion, into Tibet proper. As a physician she was gladly received by the poor villagers, but when the Government would learn of her presence they would send a squad of soldiers to order her from the country. She would depart in obedience, but apparently took good care to take the longest way out, so that she might reach a few more villages before leaving Tibetan territory. Wherever she went and gave her medicine she gave also copies of parts of the Scriptures and tracts. Many of our readers know that she has even declined a salary for the past five years, existing on the gifts of the people and the produce of her little farm. She is now on her way home for a well-earned furlough. The following extracts from one of her letters, giving an account of the summer's work, will be eagerly read by those who know Dr. Sheldon. She says:

"We are on a trip of nine weeks' visit in the villages of Upper Bhot, bordering Tibet. We did not attempt Tibet this year because of the unsettled and war-like condition of the country. Our presiding elder warned us against taking risks this year. We followed the telegrams and letters received from Lhasa with great interest. We were so glad to have authentic news and spread the tidings received as widely as possible. At first there were many false reports to counteract, as the Bhotiyas have great faith in the power of the lamas, and were sure that no English arm could ever reach Lhasa. The lamas' blasphemous pretensions have been repudiated. We have had a short visit from

two government officials who are visiting Blyas to see about the opening up of trade. They said this was the most favorable route from Tibet, and that more trade passed over this route than on any other in Kunann or Garhwal. They spoke of extensive improvements to be made, the building of dak bungalows, etc. So you see the Tibetan highway we are on is a favorable one for the purposes of the kingdom as well. For this we thank God and take courage. Whatever work we may be able to do in Tibet we can at least work among the numbers who pass up and down from the plains. They are already beginning to come over the Pass.



ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD — THE POTALA, THE HOME OF THE GRAND LAMA OF TIBET

By courtesy of the *World's Work*

Many know how to read, and it is a pleasure to give them the gospels in their own language. We usually read and explain some portion of it first. In a village in Blyas a Tibetan who is now living there told us that last year we had given him a gospel, and when his heart ached and he was depressed he used to read it for comfort, but that a big Lama from Tibet came along, coveted his book, and took it away. We were delighted to give him another book. We sang with him a Tibetan translation of 'I do believe, I now believe, that Jesus died for me.' We are happy in possessing a Tibetan song-book. They are printed by the Scandinavian Alliance Mission Presbytery of Ghoom, and their other publications, too, are very valuable. We can read the language quite well now, but need practice in the colloquial. Most of our Bhotiyas know Tibetan and understand these songs. Of course we are constantly working among our Bhotiyas. They will help to spread the Gospel in Tibet some day, please God! We have a good many Christian children among us whom we teach and seek to train for Christ's service. They have a boys' school here in Chandat taught by a Christian pundit, and a small girls' school in the village taught by his wife."

There is no word of complaint in this letter regarding the hardships which this pioneer of ours endures in her border station, but through others we learn that her health has suffered, and she needs a furlough. Another missionary was so ill that it was not safe for her to travel alone, and the mission authorities insisted that Dr. Sheldon should accompany her and profit by the voyage and a vacation at home. In order that she may have a vacation that shall truly build up her strength and give her what she needs so that she may return promptly to her station, the sum of \$500 is needed by the New England Branch. Our money for the year has all been appropriated, and this must come by special gifts from those who know and admire our beloved physician, and wish to see her

soon able to lead the march on to Tibet. Will any friends of Dr. Sheldon kindly communicate with Miss Mary E. Holt, 4 Berwick Park, Boston? The cry of the church has been, since Bishop Moore returned from China: "On to Tibet." Here we have the trained worker, possessing the language, known and beloved by the people, ready to lead our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society forces. All she needs now is this vacation to upbuild her strength, that she may return to lead a

Christian expedition into the Forbidden Land.

Good Measure

THE gift of \$100,000 to the American Tract Society, announced on Monday, April 3, came from Mr. Ralph Voorhees, of Clinton, N. J., whose many large benefactions for religious, educational and charitable objects are widely known. His donation is for the general uses and purposes of the Society. Quite recently President Roosevelt commended the Society for its work among the immigrants as "doers of the Word." This gift, following so closely, seems, it is said, to emphasize the need of bringing these foreigners under the power of sound morality and vital godliness.

The Society has issued a report which says that this munificent gift has come at a time when the need is almost unprecedented for the support of its work in supplying literature for our own people — the foreigners arriving in vast multitudes and the home-born — and for the unevangelized of all languages and dialects in the world-wide field. The hope is expressed that this may be the earnest of a most abundant provision for enlarging and vigorously prosecuting these operations both at home and abroad. Mr. Voorhees, in remitting his check, added \$1,000 for good measure.

— The season of the year is passing when we usually give attention to spiritual efforts of an evangelistic character, but the revival influences still continue. Good news comes from many quarters within our own home territory and from abroad. Evidently an unusual spiritual movement is still among the churches. — *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*.

THE FAMILY

STAINS

The three ghosts on the lonesome road
Spake each to one another:
"Whence came that stain about your
mouth
No lifted hand may cover?"
"From eating of forbidden fruit,
Brother, my brother."

The three ghosts on the sunless road
Spake each to one another:
"Whence came that red burn on your foot
No dust or ash may cover?"
"I stamped a neighbor's hearth-flame out,
Brother, my brother."

The three ghosts on the windless road
Spake each to one another:
"Whence came that blood upon your hand
No other hand may cover?"
"From breaking of a woman's heart,
Brother, my brother."

"Yet on the earth clean men we walked,
Glutton and Thief and Lover;
White flesh and fair it hid our stains
That no man might discover."
"Naked the soul goes up to God,
Brother, my brother."

— THEODOSIA GARRISON, in *Scribner's*.

For Each Morning in the Week

REV. OZORA S. DAVIS.

Sunday.—It is the rest-day set by the Father into the round of my toil. Let me remember that rest does not mean passive idleness. This is the day to change the point of stress, but not to cease feeling the joy of action. To-day, then, my spirit shall have more time to assert itself. Let me worship the Father with my dear ones; let me be quiet and alone with the final problems of life. Let this be a Sabbath to the Lord my God.

Monday.—This morning let me recognize that I am an immortal spirit, dedicated to purity, truth and all high endeavor in the Father's world. Let today's work be hallowed by a holy intention.

Tuesday.—Show me today the joys and privileges of my life. Let me experience the happiness of service rather than the fret of toil. Let the horizons retreat until I see my task touching the farthest boundaries of life and entering into the very plans of God.

Wednesday.—Let me learn today that my life's value is not to be reckoned by the money I make or the tangible work I do. Let me see its spiritual content; that it stands forth comprehensible only in the terms of helpfulness, truth-telling, and love.

Thursday.—The burden has begun to bear heavily; yesterday I failed miserably. The sense of it is bitter to my taste this morning. Let me throw myself into the arms of the Divine Kindness as I begin the day. Courage! God can forgive and restore.

Friday.—The day is large with meaning. I have a difficult path to tread. I must meet a competitor today who may crush me. I must be quick and crafty. Yes, but I must be generous and just. Keep me true to the spirit of Jesus Christ today, O Father!

Saturday.—Now let me finish my week with joy because I know that Love is the Law of life. Let me endure some hardships today and meet some reproof in Love's mighty power. Crown the week by a tri-

umph for Love over all my sin and despair. This will make my week the best.

New Britain, Conn.

A GRACIOUS MESSAGE

GRACE WILLIS.

LIKE Martha of old, he was "troubled about many things," this young Christian; not the cumberings of overmuch service, but fearsome questionings and the mysteries of God's providence. If he might only understand!

The mystery of a splendid Christian life which had gone out apparently in tragic gloom had filled his spirit with foreboding. He brooded over it until he was thoroughly miserable and unhappy. He longed to feel assured that no such thing might come to him. He wondered why God had permitted it.

He sat one day thinking about it. He had been reading his Bible, and it lay open before him, but his mind had been diverted to the old troublesome subject. As though a voice spoke there came to him a direct and personal message—this patient rebuke and sweet command, strangely calming his troubled spirit: "What is that to thee? Follow thou Me."

Wondering, he turned to the 21st chapter of John, which he had but a few days before read. At the Sea of Tiberias, after His resurrection, Christ had shown Himself to His disciples. He had signified to Peter the manner of His death, and had added, "Follow Me." But Peter, impulsive, blundering Peter, turning about, saw John, and said, inquiringly, to Jesus: "Lord, and what shall this man do?" Jesus said: "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou Me."

It was not that Jesus himself had no interest in the manner of John's death; He knew full well what it was to be, and He alone need know—it was no concern of Peter's.

So there are many things which it is not necessary for us to understand. God will take care of such, and we need not vex and torture ourselves—only trust in God, and follow Him!

Milwaukee, Wis.

HOW THEY CAME OVER AND HELPED

"THE minister's gettin' the parsonage ready for his wife," announced Mrs. Millsap, as she entered Miss Calista's pleasant kitchen.

Miss Calista turned. She was making pear butter, but she dropped her spoon regardless, at the sound of her neighbor's voice.

"Why, how you scared me, Abigail!" she cried. "I never heard your step. So the minister's wife's comin', is she? I was just thinkin' about her before you came in. Well, we'll all be glad to see her, won't we, and I hope, I do hope, she'll like us."

"I don't know about that," replied Mrs. Millsap, with a sigh; "some folks are hard to please, ministers' wives included."

"Oh, no, they're not," retorted Miss Calista, cheerfully; "and we'll give her such a royal welcome she'll have to like us. There's nothing like a right beginning to promote good feeling," she added; "besides, if she's half as nice as the minister is, we'll be more than fortunate. Come

round here in front of the fire, Abigail," she went on, smilingly, "where I can see you. You don't come very often."

Mrs. Millsap obeyed willingly. It was pleasant to have an hour to spend with Calista, she thought.

Miss Calista was short and plump and merry, while Mrs. Abigail was tall and thin and serious, yet they were the best of friends.

"Now, tell me all about it," began Miss Calista, stirring the pear butter vigorously.

Her visitor settled herself comfortably, smoothing her black skirt with her toll-worn hand. Abigail Millsap had always worked.

"I was goin' by the parsonage this mornin'," she answered, "when the minister called to me. He was out in the yard tryin' to unpack some dishes, and he had just broken a cup, and I'm as certain as I sit here this minute that he was cookin' somethin' in the kitchen, too. I smelled it burnin' clear outdoors, but what it was I can't for the life of me tell."

Miss Calista laughed, then looked thoughtful. "Poor man!" she said. Then after a brief silence, she went on: "When is she comin'?"

"Thursday, at five o'clock," was the reply; "and really, Calista, you never saw things so upset in your life as they are at the parsonage. You know how men are, and the minister don't know which way to turn. He tried to get some one to help him, but he couldn't find anybody. Mrs. Flynn is sick, and every one else is always busy. Their furniture and beddin's all come, too."

"How did the minister look?" asked Miss Calista.

"Tired to death. There was dust all over his clothes, and he'd just mashed his finger with the hammer before I got there."

Miss Calista stirred the pear butter abstractedly—she was thinking.

"What do you say to our gettin' the members of the Ladies' Aid Society to straighten up things over there?" she asked eagerly, her rosy face aglow with the thought of it. "Every one of us would be glad to lend a hand, I'm sure. Do you think the minister would care?"

"Well," replied Mrs. Abigail, philosophically. "I should say that the message that came to Paul might apply to us, too."

"What was that?" questioned Miss Calista, quickly.

"Come over into Macedonia and help us"—Acts 16: 9," was the reply. "Now we can't all go to Macedonia, but we can go over to the parsonage. That's one reason why I ain't such a firm believer in foreign missions," added Mrs. Abigail, soberly. "I always see so much to do at home. I hope the Lord'll forgive me."

"I shall take over a quart of pear butter, and make a pan of rolls," broke in Miss Calista, irreverently, for her mind was on the parsonage just then.

"I could take currant jelly and fry a chicken," said Mrs. Abigail. "The other members will do as much, I'm sure. What a good woman you are, Calista! I should never have thought of it."

Miss Calista smiled. "Some one else is good, too," she said, affectionately. "Well, that's settled, is it, Abigail? Now you must take dinner with me, and this afternoon we'll see what we can do."

They did see, and with such good results that by nine o'clock the next morning eight members of the Aid Society met at the parsonage.

The minister was putting down the red-and-green carpet when they came in. It had been in the sitting-room of the old home, and the minister was anxious to have it adorn the new. The furniture

which had come with it was stacked all over the small cottage.

"We've come over to help you," they began. "We didn't know how you'd like it, but we hoped that you would not care."

"Care — I should say not!" the minister cried, relievedly. "It's real missionary work, for I didn't know what to do. I never did," he added, in a burst of confidence; "my wife'll tell you that."

How glad, how very glad he was to see them, these deft-handed, willing workers! He had just been thinking of the discomfort of the disordered rooms, and of how much he dreaded to have Anna see them as they were. But now, thanks to Miss Calista's happy thought, there might be hope ahead after all. And there was, for before he knew it the red-and-green carpet was down, the chairs taken from their wrappings, the centre table placed, together with the big lamp which had been wont to shine so brightly in the old home. It would shine with just as much lustre here, for the tired minister took heart of grace as he looked at its polished shade, and saw by degrees order take the place of chaos. Well, God was good, and his misgivings about the new field might be groundless after all.

By night the little house was all in readiness — beds made, floors swept, and the dishes arranged. Everything had been sent on before, and tomorrow the little housemother would come, bringing with her the children. It was home now, and looked it for the first time.

"Anna and I can never thank you," the minister said, when Miss Calista and her followers were ready to go. "I'm sure God will bless you."

His voice was husky, and his eyes were full of tears — tears of gratitude and joy, for everything looked so homelike and beautiful. Only the little mother was wanting to complete it, and she was coming as fast as the cars could bring her.

"But we're not through yet," announced the ladies together. "We're coming again tomorrow to help you get supper."

"But you've done enough," protested the minister; then he smiled. "If you won't tell," he said, "I'll make a confession. I've been trying to cook up some things myself. I threw them out, though," he added. "I wouldn't have told you," he went on, "but I knew from the looks of the pans in the kitchen you suspected me already."

Every one laughed, and the minister himself laughed.

The next day every member of the Aid Society came over, bringing with them each her own particular specialty in the line of cooking. The minister's wife was to come at five, and at three the ladies had finished, and gone home.

"No, we won't stay," they declared, in answer to the minister's invitation. "We'll come over and pay our respects when she's entirely rested. Now she wants to see only you."

A little after five that afternoon a tired woman stepped across the threshold of her new home. She dreaded the confusion before her, for she was weary with her journey, and the children had been so troublesome. She didn't know how she was going to get supper for the hungry little brood. But what was this? There was the old familiar red and green carpet greeting her; there was the little table with its big lamp and its books. There was her rocking chair and her work stand. There were the pictures hung, and through the rooms she could catch glimpses of restful white beds. And the dining-room! — how she gasped with astonishment and joy when she saw that, for here was the greatest surprise of all. The table stood spread

with its white cloth, its bright, shining dishes, and on them a feast which a king might envy: cold chicken, salad, pink sliced ham, delicate rolls, amber honey, preserves, jelly, all kinds of cake, while in the kitchen the little kettle steamed its cheeriest.

"What magic wrought all this?" demanded the little mother, half laughing, half crying, in the minister's arms. "You didn't, I'm sure, for I know you of old. Why, Nelson, I'm the happiest woman in the world, dear; and, oh, how I've been dreading it — the new home, the new church, the new congregation, and everything. I was afraid they wouldn't be friendly, mightn't like me, perhaps."

The minister pressed her gently to him. "The ladies of the church did everything for you, dearest," he said, "and you need not fear anything. They're waiting ready, every one of them, to know and love you."

The minister's wife looked over the pretty rooms, and her eyes filled. "Yes," she murmured, "I am sure of it, for," she added, softly, "By their fruits ye shall know them." — SUSAN HUBBARD MARTIN, in *Pittsburg Advocate*.

ON THE SAFE SIDE

MRS. CAMPBELL picked up the post-card that was lying by her breakfast plate, Saturday morning, and read aloud:

"For some reason I cannot wash Monday. If nothing else happens, I will come Tuesday. MRS. OLSEN."

A laugh went round the table.

"How mysterious!" commented Janet. "Apparently doesn't know the reason herself."

"She means for a 'certain' reason," revised Norman. "She doesn't want to tell that she's going to one of their Swedish picnics."

"So likely — in zero weather!" Mr. Campbell chuckled, at his son's expense.

"Well, it upsets the whole week's work to put off the washing," said practical Marion.

"Bother! I wanted her to do up my wash-silk dress for Tuesday night!" pouted Claribel.

But Dorothy's eyes were on her mother's face.

"I'm afraid Mrs. Olsen is in trouble," said Mrs. Campbell. "She is so faithful! I wish I could know — but she lives away out on Ninety-third Street." She glanced at Norman, who was evidently too busy with his breakfast.

When the family gathered at dinner that night Dorothy was missing. "She went out to Mrs. Olsen's for me," her mother explained.

"Really, my dear," remonstrated Mr. Campbell — and he expressed the feeling of every one at the table — "I think that was carrying sentiment too far! To send your own child out in this bitter weather, just on the chance!"

"Here she comes now, father!" cried Norman, in relief. "Hurry up, Dot, and tell us what 'some reason' means!"

Dorothy came into the dining-room and stood by her father's chair. Her cheeks were scarlet with the cold, but she was well protected in her warm wraps and furs.

"O mother," she began in a hushed voice, "Mrs. Olsen's husband died!"

"Dorothy!"

"Yes, very suddenly, the night before she wrote you that card. But you ought to have seen how thankful she was to you for sending out to inquire!" Here the impulsive girl threw both arms round her father's neck. "Darling, it might have been you!" she whispered, and added aloud, "Oh, I wish you could have heard poor Mrs. Olsen talk about mother! She thinks she's the best woman in the whole world!"

"She is!" responded Mr. Campbell, fervently, his eyes full of sudden tears, and Norman pushed back his chair and went and kissed his mother. — *Youth's Companion*.

HOUSE-CLEANING

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS.

Could I but go house-cleaning

Through all the world today,
I lately have been thinking

My plans I thus would lay:

I'd first burn out all evil thought,
For more unhappiness is wrought
By this than aught besides, I'm sure.
I'd next wipe out all words impure,
The touch of slang, the cruel jest,
The rasping words that bring unrest
To those who most of quiet need —
The words that make the faint heart bleed.

Could I but go house-cleaning

Throughout the world today,
To free all lands from fretfulness,
How zealously I'd pray!

Oh, with what energy I'd rub
And with what patience would I scrub,
To rid the world of hateful ways
Some folks are showing all their days.
And my attention next I'd turn
To deeds untrue, and these I'd burn
With other rubbish of the spring —
Most needless they of anything.

I'd take a sponge that's big enough
To draw up all the evil stuff

That's in all wrong suggestion found,
When gossips in a place abound:
A hint that one man is a fraud,
Another is untrue,
And that there's nothing that's too mean
For such a one to do.

But ere world-cleaning I may go,

Perhaps it would be well
To see if in this heart of mine
No evil thought may dwell,
And that I gossip ne'er a once,
And never am unkind.
'Twould not be strange if right at home,
Cleaning enough I'd find!

Bath, Maine.

Twilight and Evening Bell

WHEN the evening shadows gather around a beautiful life, the aspect is one of an exquisite loveliness, just as the most beautiful time of the day is often the hour after sunset. The sky is still tinted with something of the soft radiance that lingered long after the sun sank below the horizon, and, one by one, the stars are coming out on high. It is twilight and evening bell.

Among us in our churches there are those, dear and blessed in the earthly communion of saints, around whom the beauty of holiness rests like a transfiguration. They are sweet, calm, untroubled. Sometimes we find them in sick rooms, where they are bearing pain and anguish with a great and invincible patience. The stillness and seclusion of their chambers are pervaded by an influence not of this world. We go from their presence ashamed of our

rebellious fears, our hampering doubts, our lukewarm service. They rebuke us, by their courage, fortitude and gentle resignation. It is twilight and evening bell for them today, but tomorrow they will hear the chiming of the golden bells in the New Jerusalem.

Others have not been laid aside. Youth has left them, but their close sympathy with the young has not lessened, and they are the most welcome guests in any company, because they are so wise, so genial, so tolerant, so swift in comprehension. No one need fear to grow old who, to the end, can remain in service, can remain in touch with those around her, who can meet each day with a smile and close her eyes each night with a benediction. Such mothers we have seen and known and loved. Some have gone home; others are still here. For their pilgrimage has reached the land of Beulah. They are at the stage of twilight and the evening bell.

Why should any one be distressed at growing old? Old age need never lay a hampering hand on the spiritual life. The body may decay, but the soul may gather strength as it nears the end.

"One sweetly solemn thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er,
I am nearer my home today
Than ever I've been before.

"Nearer the bound of life,
Where I'll lay my burdens down,
Nearer leaving the cross,
Nearer gaining the crown."

—Christian Intelligencer.

BOYS AND GIRLS

DR. BOBBY AND THE FROGS

BOBBY has a grandmother. Perhaps that is not a remarkable thing in itself. Other little boys have grandmothers, but Bobby is sure that no other boy, big or little, has such a grandmother as his; and the grandmother thinks there isn't another boy quite like her Bobby — a sort of mutual admiration society. But, alas! Bobby and grandmother live a good distance apart, and it is seldom that Bobby enjoys the bliss of spending a week at grandma's.

It was last spring that mamma decided that he was old enough, now he was "going on six," as Bobby called it, to be left with grandma while papa and she went on a long trip. When Bobby knew that he was to be left on the farm, he was quite wild with delight, but he was quieted down a little by being reminded that grandma had been sick in the winter and was not yet strong. Mamma told him he must be very, very good — he must not bother grandma, and must do all he could to please her, or he could not stay.

You may be sure he was ready to promise. He "would be the bestest boy ever was," he declared. He could "do lots and lots of things for grandma — pick up chips to light her fire, and bring in piles and piles of wood." He guessed he could saw it, too, if she would only let him try.

And he did not forget his promise when he was really at the farm. "Bless his dear, loving heart!" said grandma, as she watched him lugging in a grape-basket heaped with chips, or going to the well with his little tin bucket to get her a nice cool drink of water. "What will the darling think of next?" she said to herself. But if she had tried for a week, she would never have guessed the thing that

he really would undertake to please her.

She was sitting in her rocking-chair on the porch just at dusk. Bobby sat on the lowest step, where his bare feet could feel the cool, soft grass. Pretty soon grandpa came up the path and sat down on a step, too.

"Taking things easy tonight, aren't you?" he said, looking up at grandma. "Seems to me you look pretty comfortable here."

Grandma sighed. "It's real pleasant out tonight," she admitted; "and I'd love to sit out the rest of the evening, only those pesky frogs make me so nervous. I just can't stand them. Seems as if they never sounded so noisy before."

Grandpa stared at that. "Law me! I never heard you complain of the frogs before, and they have 'peeped' away there the whole twenty years we've owned the farm. I never knew you minded them."

"I never did mind them before," said grandma. "I guess they all took cold this late spring," she added with a smile, "for they are the hoarsest lot of frogs I ever heard in my born days."

"Well, well, grandma!" he said, chuckling at his own joke, "the next thing, you'll be wanting them to have their voice trained, so they can sing better. Guess you'd better come into the house now, so they won't bother you with their hoarseness," and, laughing at her nervousness, he led her in.

Bobby sat on the step a little while longer, watching the fireflies and listening to the frogs. Their voices did sound hoarse, he thought — as hoarse as Charlie Brown's. Charlie, who lived in the house across the way, had a very bad cold. "I wouldn't have you get one like it for the world," grandma had said, as she stirred the kettle of cough syrup she was making to send over to Charlie.

The next day, when Bobby ran into the pantry to get a cookie, he saw the medicine on the broad shelf by the window. Grandma had made a good deal of it, for she liked to have some in the house to use for her own family, and to give to her neighbors when any of them needed it. It was very sweet with loaf-sugar, and had licorice in it; but it was bitter with horehound, which Bobby hated. He was glad he would not have to take a dose this time.

There was some medicine to cure cold. Why shouldn't he cure those poor hoarse frogs? Grandma said her medicine always cured a cold, no matter how bad it was. Well, then, he would give some to the frogs.

They would get well, and not bother poor grandma any more.

He picked up the bottle and started for the brook. And how was he to give them their dose? That was a real bother. He tried to catch them, but it was not easy work for a boy who had not lived long in the country, even if he was going on six. In his earnest efforts some of the frogs did get a little sprinkled on their heads, but he soon made up his mind it would do just as well if the medicine was poured in the water, and that way would be much easier. So into the water went the contents of that bottle; and then, running back to the house, he brought the other bottle, and emptied that, too.

And wasn't he a happy boy over what he was doing to help grandma!

When grandma tucked him in his little bed that night he drew her down to ask her a question: "How long does it take, grandma, for your medicine to cure sick folks?"

"Oh, I don't know exactly," she answered. "If Charlie takes it good he may be well enough to play with you in a day or two."

"I wasn't thinking about Charlie," said Bobby. "I was talking about the frogs."

"The frogs!" said grandma, puzzled.

"Yes, the frogs. Maybe you won't be bothered with them after tomorrow. I think they will get over their colds soon, for I gave them all the medicine in the bottle — in both bottles."

"You dear little man!" said grandma, giving him an extra hug and a dozen good-night kisses. But Bobby never guessed what the fun was about downstairs, when he heard grandpa and grandma laughing so hard as he fell asleep. — AMELIA H. BOTSFORD, in *Farm and Fireside*.

TO THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

To the Sabbath-school on the Sabbath day,
Up and away!

Teddie and Tom and Prue and Sue,
And dear little Dickie in sailor blue,
Each with a verse that he means to say,
In the Sabbath-school on the Sabbath day —
Up and away!

To the Sabbath-school on the Sabbath day,
Up and away!

Georgie and John and Hugh and Lou,
And dear little Tottie, though she's but two!

Yet none are too young to learn, I say,
In the Sabbath-school on the Sabbath day —
Up and away!

— SUSIE M. BEST, in *Sunday-School Advocate*.

Seven Minds

1. Mind your tongue! Don't let it speak hasty, cruel, unkind or wicked words.

2. Mind your eyes! Don't permit them to look on wicked books, pictures or objects.

3. Mind your ears! Don't suffer them to listen to wicked speeches, songs or words.

4. Mind your lips! Don't let tobacco foul them. Don't let strong drink pass them.

5. Mind your hands! Don't let them steal or fight, or write any evil words.

6. Mind your feet! Don't let them walk in the steps of the wicked.

7. Mind your heart! Don't let the love of sin dwell in it. Don't give it to Satan, but ask Jesus to make it His throne. — *Exchange*.

— A well-known professor has a bright little boy, who one day appeared in his father's study clasping a forlorn little chicken. "Willie," said the father, "take that chicken back to its mother." "Ain't dot any mudder," answered Willie. "Well, then, take it back to its father," said the professor, determined to maintain parental authority. "Ain't dot any fader," said the child. "Ain't dot anything but an old lamp." — *New York Times*.

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JOHN 12: 12-26.

THE ENTRY OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM

I Preliminary

1. **GOLDEN TEXT:** *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.* — Matt. 21: 9.

2. **DATE:** Sunday, April 2, A. D. 30; five days before the Crucifixion, and the morning after the supper at Bethany; also Tuesday, April 4.

3. **PLACE:** Jerusalem, and its vicinity.

4. **HOME READINGS:** Monday — John 12: 12-26. Tuesday — Mark 11: 1-11. Wednesday — Matt. 21: 10-17. Thursday — Luke 19: 37-48. Friday — Zech. 9: 9-13. Saturday — Psa. 118: 19-29. Sunday — Luke 9: 18-26.

II Introductory

It was the world's first Palm Sunday. That our Lord had made a profound impression upon the Jewish people, especially by His latest miracle in raising Lazarus, was made evident by the behavior of the Passover pilgrims who streamed forth from the city gates to meet and welcome Him when they learned that He was coming to Jerusalem; and that our Lord was ready finally to be publicly acclaimed King of Israel was also made evident by His carefully-planned approach in state, mounted on an ass, and His acceptance of the hosannas and homage of the multitude. The disciples were strangely blind at the time to the significance of the festal procession, but they read the meaning later. The Pharisees, however, were not blinded. They saw that they had lost the leadership, and that there was but one way to regain it.

The two following days were too crowded with events for any summary here; but St. John notes one important incident, which forms a part of our lesson. Jesus was apparently on the point of leaving the temple on Tuesday, when two of His disciples, Andrew and Philip, came to Him, conveying a request for an interview from certain devout Greeks, who had come up to the feast to worship. "As the Chaldeans from the East had sought His cradle," says Farrar, "so these Greeks from the West came to His cross." From the style of address that followed we may infer that their request was granted. Our Lord evidently perceived, in this Gentile seeking, a fresh sign of the nearness of the hour when He should be glorified. That glorification, however, was to be attained only by His dying for the world's salvation, and thus opening the kingdom of heaven, not to Jew or Greek only, but to all believers. And He told them so — using the vivid Oriental imagery and speaking with great solemnity. The grain of wheat not sown yields no harvest. It must fall into the ground and die before it can spring up in manifold life. And His disciples, too, must learn the same lesson for themselves. He who loves his life so well that he will not surrender it for the Master's sake, will lose inevitably the true, eternal life; but he who counts not his life dear will perpetuate it, not in the mortal but in the immortal sense — the everlasting soul-life. He, therefore, who really

means to serve Him must follow Him in all self-denial, even unto death, if need be; and then, where the Master is, there shall the disciples be. He that shall thus serve Him, shall be honored by the Father also.

III Expository

12, 13. **On the next day** (R. V., "On the morrow") — Sunday, the day after the supper at Bethany. Much people (R. V., "a great multitude") — Passover pilgrims chiefly. Heard that Jesus was coming — heard from visitors to Bethany the previous night, perhaps. Took branches of palm trees (R. V., "took the branches of the palm trees") — the articles specifying, probably, the well-known trees that lined the way. These leaves, or fronds, are often ten feet long. They were the recognized symbol of victory or rejoicing. See 1 Mac. 13: 51. Cried Hosanna — "Save, we pray." "It was a kind of holy 'hurrah.' Had the event occurred in Rome, the shout would probably have been *Io triumphe!* Had it occurred in modern France the people would have called out *Vive!* (or *Vive le roi!*)" The king of Israel — the heaven-sent Messiah.

14, 15. **Jesus when he had found** (R. V., "having found") an ass. — The narrative is brief, the Evangelist seeming to know that the details had been supplied by the synoptics. From them we learn that the beast was young, and had never borne a burden; that its owners relinquished it when told that the Lord had need of it, etc. As it is written — Zech. 9: 9. Fear not. — "The change from 'Rejoice greatly' to 'Fear not' (no doubt made by the Evangelist himself) may spring from his profound sense of the majesty of Jesus (Rev. 1: 17); there is fear to be dispelled before the joy of His presence can be felt" (Revision Commentary). Behold thy king cometh. — "The horse was used especially for war, but riding on an ass was the symbol of peace. Jesus entered Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9: 6). It was necessary for His mission to offer Himself, on this last opportunity, to the Jews as their Messiah King, so that they might accept Him and be saved. It was necessary to reveal to His disciples and to the people His kingly nature, His kingly right, and to give a foregleam of His triumph over the world. Therefore this event was prophesied, and therefore it was accomplished" (Peloubet).

16-19. These things understood not his disciples, etc. — "It is a touch peculiar to John. He remembers the difference between the spiritual receptivity before and after Pentecost, in the apostolic band itself. He remembers how the Old Testament Scriptures became filled with a new meaning, as the Spirit brought to the memory their words and the words of Him of whom they told." Bare record (R. V., "bear witness"). — The Jews who were present at the raising of Lazarus, those also who had gazed upon him after he was restored, and the large number to whom the story of these things came and who believed that story, bore substantial testimony to Jesus' claims on this glad occasion. The Pharisee said — not a word of praise; only words of alarm and helplessness. Jesus was the idol of the hour; He had captivated everybody; something desperate must be done, and done quickly. John omits our Lord's tears and lament over Jerusalem.

20. There were certain Greeks — not the Hellenists (Grecian, or Greek-speaking Jews) mentioned in the Acts, but actual Gentile Greeks, uncircumcised "proselytes of the gate," restricted to the Court of the Gentiles in the temple. They kept what were called the seven commandments of

Noah — abstaining from murder, bloodshed, robbery, idolatry, and the eating of "bleeding flesh;" and accepting the worship of Jehovah and the decisions of the Jewish courts in matters of religion. Worship at the feast. — They may have come from some of the Greek cities of Decapolis.

21, 22. **Came to Philip . . . of Bethsaida.** — Perhaps they found him in the Court of the Gentiles; perhaps they knew him personally, or were attracted to him by his Greek name. Bethsaida was on the Sea of Galilee, and contained Greeks in its population. We would see Jesus — be presented to Him; confer with Him. Philip . . . telleth Andrew. — He does not go directly to Jesus, perhaps because of the personal awe which the disciples felt in the Master's presence, especially in these closing days; perhaps because he knew that Jesus preferred to confine His labors to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." He consults, therefore, his fellow townsman, Andrew. Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. — Evidently Andrew was the spokesman.

23. **Answered them** — the Greeks apparently (as well as His disciples), as His words seem framed for them. Hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified. — The conference with the Greeks was the closing event of His public ministry. Geikie says that "the request of the Greeks brought to His mind, with fresh vividness and force, the nearness of His death, through which His salvation was to be brought to the heathen world at large."

24. **Except a corn** (R. V., "a grain") of wheat — nature teaching or illustrating spiritual truth. Fall . . . and die — not absolute death; rather, apparent death. Its husk dies; its germ springs into a new and manifold life. It abideth alone (R. V., "by itself alone"). — Death is necessary for its multiplication. If it die, it bringeth forth (R. V., "beareth") much fruit — ten, twenty, thirty, an hundred fold. His meaning is evident: These Greeks have come to the feast, and have heard about My works; they may have witnessed my triumphal entrance into Jerusalem; they may have concluded, as you My disciples seem to have done, that My glorification is to consist of an earthly crown and sceptre; but all this is a mistake. I am the Seed of a glorious and widely-multiplying life. Un-

All Humors

Are impure matters which the skin, liver, kidneys and other organs can not take care of without help, there is such an accumulation of them.

They litter the whole system.

Pimples, boils, eczema and other eruptions, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, bilious turns, fits of indigestion, dull headaches and many other troubles are due to them.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove all humors, overcome all their effects, strengthen, tone and invigorate the whole system.

"I had salt rheum on my hands so that I could not work. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and it drove out the humor. I continued its use till the sores disappeared." Mrs. Ida O. Brown, Rumford Falls, Me.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

less I die, that life cannot be propagated, any more than corn can be multiplied without sowing. By dying I shall reach My true glorification — by revivifying and being the true Life of myriads of souls.

25. He that loveth his life shall lose it (R. V., "loseth it") — the general principle, applicable, not merely to Christ, but also to His disciples. To love life or self better than duty, to so love this life of the flesh as to be unwilling to yield it if the cause of Christ shall demand it, this is to lose the true life; for this predominance of self-will kills the true life. He that hateth his life . . . keep it unto life eternal. — He that counts all things but loss for the Gospel's sake, such an one cannot be hurt by physical death; such an one shall live unendingly. See Matt. 10: 39; 16: 25; Mark 8: 35; Luke 9: 24; 17: 33. This sort of warning was often on our Lord's lips. We are to follow Christ in His death, it need be; certainly we must possess the spirit of self-renunciation which that death implied.

26. If any man serve me — selects Me as his Master. Let him follow me — by becoming obedient unto death, it need be; by subordinating all that this world can offer; by walking daily in My footprints. Where I am, there, . . . servant be — a companion of Mine in blessedness as well as in trial. "If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him." Him will my Father (R. V., "the Father") honor — no matter whether he be a Jew or Greek. "The thought of the universality of His salvation now fills the breast of Jesus, and therefore He says 'any one;' and He speaks of 'the Father,' even He who will be to all His sons what He is to the Son" (Revision Commentary).

IV Illustrative

1. If Christ had opened the eyes of those looking upon this scene as the eyes of Elisha's servant were opened, so that they might see the invisible, and hear the inaudible, no pen could picture the real triumphal procession. They would have seen the vast multitude of those whom He had healed and comforted and saved from sin — Lazarus and Bartimeus, the ten lepers, the widow of Nain's son, the ruler's daughter, Peter's mother-in-law, a host of those whom He had raised from the dead, those from whom He had cast out devils, the blind He had made to see, and the lame that now walked, the lepers He had cleansed, those who had been delivered from the bondage of their sins and brought into the light of the Gospel. There would join them the angels who sang at His birth, Moses and Elijah who appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration, and the twelve legions of angels He once said were ready at His call. Heaven would swiftly have emptied itself, and all its choirs would joyfully have come down to do Him honor, and sing their songs of joy over many sinners brought to repentance. The triumphs of Caesar and Pompey were but child's play to this. Not all of earth's monarchs together could have summoned such a procession. Imagination fails to paint the picture of Christ's real triumphal procession (Peloubet).

2. Prof. J. P. Mahaffy, in an excellent article in the *Sunday School Times*, shows why the Jews were so strongly antagonistic to the reception of the Greeks, because twice had the Jewish religion been in imminent danger from the Greek religion under Antiochus Epiphanes, and under Herod. The Pharisees were those who stemmed the tide. So that Jesus, when He began to preach, must necessarily make His choice to preach either to the Jews or the Gentiles. To preach to the Gentiles would exclude the Jews. Hence, He constantly declared that primarily His mission

was to the Jews. He could reach the Gentiles through the Jews, but never the Jews through the Gentiles. And He must have both. But now His work with the Jews was over, and He rejoiced to see the Greeks coming to Him. The gospel was to be promulgated chiefly through the Greek language. "It was in its Greek form and its Greek dress that Christianity conquered the civilized world" (Peloubet).

W. F. M. S. Notes



— Every auxiliary in the Branch is asked to make Good Friday a day for special prayer for those who know nothing of the sacrifice offered on Calvary.

— North India and Northwest India Conferences are reported as having 10,000 added to their Christian community this past year. How many of these are women who need instruction from our agents?

— Japan is on our hearts this year as a point of special need. News comes of a large immigration of Japanese into Mexico. It is possible that we may be called upon to minister to them in that land.

— A charming little booklet, "The Perfect Life," is issued by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Baptist Church. It is admirably suited for an Easter gift for young women and girls. It may be obtained at Room 704, Tremont Temple.

— Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, the famous traveler, who was opposed to missions when she first began her world wide journeys, but was won to believe in these most heartily from her actual experience of their results, has left several bequests to missionary organizations, the medical work being especially favored by her will. About \$30,000 is thus given by this gifted writer.

— It was said by an influential Japanese priest in a temple lecture that in Tokyo there are sixteen schools for girls. Of these fifteen are Christian and one Buddhist. The priest went on to remark that at this rate in forty years Japan will be Christian. It seems possible to us that Tokyo will be Christian far sooner than that, if such good work is kept up.

— Dr. J. L. Humphrey, who was one of the two first missionaries sent to assist Dr. Butler in the India Mission, has published a volume of reminiscences under the title "Twenty-one Years in India." It is issued by Jennings & Graham, and may be obtained from our depot of supplies.

— Miss Atkinson has a charming article in the April *Friend* on the dear old Japanese Christian in No. 20 of the United Study pictures on Japan. Be sure to have this read at your next auxiliary meeting in connection with the Study!

— On March 22, in Tremont St. Church, Boston, a "Birthday Missionary Meeting" was held by the auxiliary, the 231 being the anniversary of the organization of the Society. The venerable Mrs. Wm. Butler stood on the platform opposite the open door of the little room where the eight women gathered on that stormy day thirty-six years ago, and spoke of some of the incidents connected with the small beginning which has been so wonderfully increased by God.

— One of our Japanese school girls was married last summer and our W. F. M. S. missionary visited her recently, and found her actively engaged in Sunday-school and church work. When she was first married she was very anxious that they should begin their married life by having family prayers morning and evening, "And," said the husband, laughingly, "there was no help for it, I had to do it." Who can estimate the influence of the Christian girls on the homes and lives of their people?

— The *World's Work* for March has a wonderful article on Tibet. Those who love Dr. Martha Sheldon and know of her work on the

HOW TO FIND OUT

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water, and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains the linen, it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it, or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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border of this "Forbidden Land," will appreciate this description of the stronghold of Buddhism. Dr. Sheldon is expected home very soon on her well earned furlough. Some of you will want to aid the Branch to make this home-coming a restful one to our missionary from our far-away-up-in-the-clouds station.

— New England has two girls at Folts — Miss Eleanor Wilkins, of Somerville, and Rutnabal Savarker, of Lowell. They are so enjoying the privileges of the institution that a large number of others should be influenced to go.

— Miss Josephine Paine comes home from Korea in splendid health, and is already at work in the Bible school in New York, aiming to fit herself for still greater usefulness in her beloved mission, to which she plans to return in the early fall.

— Miss Ada Mudge keeps the Branch in touch with her journey and her work by very welcome letters. Extracts from one will appear in the next number. Don't fail to read the appeal for sympathy and help for India.

— The inclement winter has proved too much for even Miss Kneeland's pluck, and she has been obliged to stop her journeys to the different points where she has been helping the auxiliaries, until warmer weather. In fact, all our speakers have an account against the clerk of the weather this season.

— The Summer School at Northfield promises to afford a rich treat to all who can attend from July 24 to 31. Miss E. C. Northup will take one of the chapters of the new book on Africa, which will be the topic of our study next year. Circulars regarding the school may be obtained from every district secretary and from Mrs. Small.

— Our good friend in the New England Southern Conference has again given us \$200 for this year's work, in addition to the amount of the support of the day school which he has paid for many years. We appreciate this gift all the more highly because it comes from one whose hands are always open to good causes, and who is back of every good work in the local church as well as a regular contributor to the Parent Missionary Society. We do not name him because he has so many calls already, and our cordial thanks must be extended thus.

OUR BOOK TABLE

THE WONDERS OF LIFE. By Ernst Haeckel. Harper & Brothers: New York. Price, \$1.50, net.

This is supplementary to "The Riddle of the Universe," issued in 1899, of which more than 110,000 copies were sold in Germany within a year, and an equal success was achieved with the English translation. The author speaks of having received 5,000 letters respecting it, and many of the inquiries in these letters having relation to biological questions which he had only cursorily touched, he resolved, at length, to prepare the present book, which deals with these matters. It deals with them, of course, after the principles of the monistic and materialistic philosophy which underlay the first book, and so can be in no way satisfactory to Christian minds. He says: "The soul of man is a function of the brain and inseparably bound up with this organ." A personal God, an immortal soul, and free will are all mere phantoms of the imagination, in his view. "The idea of nature comprises the whole scientifically known world. The ideas of God and Nature are synonymous for us. Whether there is a realm of the supernatural and spiritual beyond nature, we do not know. All that is said of it in religious myths and legends is mere poetry and an outcome of imagination." He says: "Reason cannot detect the shadow of a proof of the existence and action of this conscious Providence or 'loving Father in heaven,' controlling the fate of individuals and determining their death." Such phrases as "God's will be done," he says, may be soothing to "simple children and dull believers," but "they no longer impose on educated people." He fully justifies suicide, stigmatizing its condemnation as "simply ridiculous;" a man has an "unquestionable right" to take his own life when he pleases. Nay, more, he is firmly of the opinion that incurables should be put out of the way by others "by a dose of morphia," to save suffering and sorrow and expenditure. It is the reverse of cheering to know that hundreds of thousands of people eagerly devour such sentiments. Surely they are not made better by them, not girded with more courage for the battle of life, not cheered under their sorrows or strengthened against temptation. It is a dreary gospel of dirt, a philosophy of despair, the negation of religion. If to be "educated" means this, is it not better to be one of the "simple children?"

CHRIST THE LIFE AND LIGHT. Lenten Readings. Selected Chiefly from Unpublished Manuscripts of the Rt. Rev. Phillips Brooks. By W. M. L. Jay. E. P. Dutton Co.: New York. Price, \$1, net.

A very timely book — the last gleanings from the sermon material of the great preacher, and bringing to an end, it would seem, the long list of publications which have blessed the world from his pen. The title is especially fitting, since in all he wrote he took such pains to honor his Lord and Master. The series of addresses runs from Ash Wednesday to Easter evening, eight of them being taken from published volumes, and the rest (about forty) from manuscripts. There are over forty prayers and an equal number of quotations of poetry. The many lovers of Bishop Brooks

will hail this latest volume as one wherein he, "being dead, yet speaketh" in the same old vein of high endeavor and holy aspiration.

PRACTICAL GERMAN CONVERSATION. By Lawrence Fessler. Ginn & Co.: Boston. Price, 65 cents.

This course in German Conversation consists of a series of twenty exercises with corresponding and alternating vocabulary studies. Although the book is written for students who have a fair reading knowledge of German, the English rendering of the "Sprechübungen" is supplied in parallel columns so that the pupil may concentrate his entire energy upon familiarizing himself with typical, colloquial phrases as expressing thought units. The text of the exercise, though ostensibly a review of the main points of grammar, is made up of natural and interesting discussions of different subjects. Questions intended to challenge and stimulate the student's inventiveness and self-reliance are also furnished.

JOHN BROWN, THE HERO. Personal Reminiscences. By J. W. Winkley, M. D. J. H. West Co.: Boston. Price, 85 cents, net.

Dr. Winkley went to Kansas from Boston in 1856, and so was an active participant in those stirring scenes which so closely preceded the Rebellion. He relates here some experiences in the events which led up to the Ossawatimie battle, wherein he came into association with old John Brown, of whom he was an ardent admirer. Mr. F. B. Sanborn, author of "The Life and Letters of John Brown," writes a complimentary introduction. Several pictures illustrate the tragic events, and the book makes very pleasant reading.

THE REVELATION REDISCOVERED. An Extract from "The Stairway to our Creator and Father." By John C. C. Clarke, D. D., formerly professor in the University of Chicago. G. P. Clarke: Upper Alton, Ill. Price, 25 cents.

This is made up of certain pages, small sections from the larger work above indicated. The main purpose of the author apparently is to set forth a brand-new theory of the Apocalypse. He finds the key to the book in the second and third chapters, and holds that the body of the volume is made up of seven sections to which the seven letters correspond in reverse order. He interprets it on the basis of the Jewish philosopher, Philo, and the apocryphal Enoch, reaching some most singular conclusions. We fail to see any special profit from the investigation or probability in the theory.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST. By Edward I. Bosworth. The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations: New York. Price, 75 cents.

A book designed to introduce the student to the inductive study of the life of Jesus Christ. The four Gospels are taken up separately, Mark being used mainly as the simplest and oldest, with supplementary references to Matthew and Luke. In Part II the Gospel of John is studied at length.

THE STORY OF LONGFELLOW. By Francis Fairfield. L. H. Nelson: Portland, Me.

This is a well-printed and handsomely illustrated pamphlet of 30 pages giving the main facts in the great poet's life.

DIE JOURNALISTEN. A Comedy by Gustav Freytag. Edited by Leigh R. Gregor, Ph. D. Ginn & Co.: Boston. Price, 50 cents.

This comedy gives a picture of German political and social life about 1850, and is recommended as suitable reading matter for the third year.

HOW TO PLAN A LESSON; and Other Talks to Sunday School Teachers. By Marianna C. Brown, Ph. D. F. H. Revell Co.: New York. Price, 50 cents, net.

The "other talks" include "Lesson Planning Illustrated," "Notes for Child Study," and "The Spiritual Thought." Much good advice is given, especially adapted for teachers of children's classes or the intermediate grades.

Magazines

— The most noteworthy articles in the current number of *Harper's* are those by Prof. John Bates Clark, of Columbia, on "Profit-Sharing;" Prof. R. K. Duncan, of Washington and Jefferson, on "The N-Rays;" Dr. C. Waldstein, on "What Heroulianeum Offers to Archaeology;" Dr. E. C. Richardson, of Princeton, on "The Medieval Library;" William Dean Howells, on "The Landing of a Pilgrim," at Plymouth, England; James B. Connolly, on "Fishing in Arctic Seas;" and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, a story entitled, "A Chariot of Fire." A gold-mining camp in Nevada is also very realistically described by Philip Verrill Mighels, and there are many other stories and poems. (Harper & Brothers: New York.)

— The University of Virginia is very thoroughly set out by Thomas Nelson Page in the pages of the current number of *Scribner's*. Richard Harding Davis describes the "Kits and Outfits" he has seen used in different parts of the world by travelers and explorers and in different campaigns by army officers and war correspondents. There are two rollicking stories by Josephine Daskam Bacon and Arthur Train, and a continuation of Edith Wharton's novel, "The House of Mirth," Frank A. Vanderlip's "Political Problems of Europe," and Mary King Waddington's "Italian Recollections." (Charles Scribner's Sons: New York.)

— The *Missionary Review of the World* for April contains articles on India, Burma, Japan, France, South Africa, Madagascar, and other places; also discussions of "Our Lord's Teachings about Money," "Vacation and Mission Study," "What is Hinduism?" (Funk & Wagnalls Co.: New York.)

— The current number of the *Bookman* starts us with an article on "The Passing Away of the Editor" — not meaning, however, its editor, or any other in particular, but the editor in general, who, it claims, is giving place to the publisher and becoming scarcely more than his clerk. (Dodd, Mead & Co.: New York.)

— The April *Critic* continues its communications on "The Slump in Poetry;" has a dissertation on Rome by Maurice Maeterlinck, and a discussion of "Literary Women and the Higher Education," by Harriet Monroe; also a piece on "Gorky." (Critic Company: 27 West 23d St., New York.)

— The April *International Quarterly* has ten solid articles, among which we notice "Modern Siege Operations," "The Political and Religious Crisis in France," "The Church and Social Problems," "The Future of Power," and "Facial Expression." (Fox, Duffield & Co.: 36 East 21st St., New York.)

— The April number of *Country Life in America* presents a beautiful design of butterflies on the cover, with "A Pair of Moths" as a frontispiece, and Payne Martyn tells about "Butterfly and Moth Collecting as an Industry." Other papers of interest include: "The Strange Art of Pigeon Fancying," "The Selection of the Site," "The Training of a Polo

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Pony," "Roses for Special Purposes," "The Extermination of the Egret for Women's Hats," "How to Make Trees Bear Better Fruit," etc. (Doubleday, Page & Co.: New York.)

— What a mine of wealth for the young folks is *St. Nicholas*! We are struck, among other good things in the April number, by a very delightful description of the girl who trains an elephant. It is Hattie Snyder, a fourteen-year-old school-girl, daughter of the keeper of the Central Park Zoo. The elephant is also named Hattie, and Mr. Snyder declares her the most intelligent and most amiable elephant he ever saw. Another good story in this number is "How Ernest Saved the Herd." (Century Co.: New York.)

— The *Treasury of Religious Thought* for April opens with a picture of and sermon by Rev. Dr. F. T. Keeney of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Syracuse, N. Y. There is also a picture of this magnificent church, the finest in the city. Bishop Spellmeyer and other good men contribute to the number. (E. B. Treat & Co.: New York.)

— The opening contribution in the *Records of the Past* for March is on "The Peabody Museum of Harvard University." The other chief articles are on "The Tombs of Gezer," and "Wisconsin Caches." (Records of the Past Exploration Co.: Washington, D. C.)

— The April *World's Work* keeps up its very high standard. Here are some of the attractive titles: "The Turmoil in Russia," "Grappling with Togo and Nogi," "How may we insure our insurance?" "Selling Bonds to Investors," "Giving Carnegie Libraries," "The Remaking of Boston," "What a Hotel Ought to Be," "The Confessions of a Commercial Senator," "The War's Disclosure of the Orient." Mr. Carnegie has already placed 1,352 libraries, at a cost of more than \$40,000,000, which is accounted "the most remarkable public service in the history of philanthropy." The pictures describing the new Boston are very fine, as is the letter-press also. (Doubleday, Page & Co.: New York.)

— The *Popular Science Monthly* discusses editorially "The Birth-rate Again," giving some interesting facts and figures. It thinks "the higher education of women a minor factor in the decrease of the birthrate, but that the low marriage-rate and small birthrate of college alumnae are primarily due to physiological infertility of the New England stock and to economic infertility of the upper middle classes." It shocks us with the condition of things in New South Wales. It appears that there, in the decade 1891-1900, of the 94,708 first births only 48,271 were of post-nuptial conception, while 22,094 were of ante-nuptial conception, and 24,343 were illegitimate. (Science Press: New York.)

— The special features of the *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for April are a character sketch of Field Marshal Oyama; illustrated articles on "Portland and the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition," and "What the Portland Exposition Really Celebrates;" a full account of the Government's beef investigation by Dr. Edward Dana Durand, special examiner of the Bureau of Corporations; the story of the Kansas oil fight, by Charles M. Harger; and an illustrated article on "The Centenary of Hans Christian Andersen." In the editorial department, "The Progress of the World," the transportation question and other municipal problems now insistent in New York, Chicago, and other large cities are discussed. (Review of Reviews Co.: 18 Astor Place, New York.)

— The *Contemporary Review* for March opens with a brilliant discussion of the "Situation in Russia," by that well-informed contributor, Dr. E. J. Dillon, who makes things out to be very dark indeed. Canon Cheyne writes on Biblical Criticism, answering the



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article in a previous number by Dr. Emil Reich. There is a demand made for the "Coercion of Turkey;" an interesting paper on "Early Friends of Robert Browning;" and another on "Constitutional Government in Mysore." (Leonard Scott Publication Company: New York.)

— The April *Photo Era* has a charming collection of pictures. The illustrations accompanying the editor's paper upon "Historical Record Work: Paul Revere's Ride," by Wilfred A. French, are particularly good, and will delight lovers of old Boston. Then there are six reproductions of pictures exhibited by the Buffalo Camera Club. W. H. Hopkins takes us on "A Tramp Afield," with some observations as to the relation of weather and subject. "The Principles of Photography" are briefly stated by Phil M. Riley. (Photo Era Publishing Company: 170 Summer St., Boston.)

— The April issue of the *Garden Magazine* is a "Planting Number," brimful of information concerning every branch of garden-making, and presenting 80 illustrations. This attractive magazine must prove a treasure indeed to the amateur gardener, with its advice and suggestions regarding small fruits, flowering shrubs, roses, perennials, cacti, asparagus, raspberries, the lawn, outfits of tools, etc. The illustrations are of a superior order, as are all that find place in this firm's output. (Doubleday, Page & Co.: New York.)

— *Donahoe's* for March is an interesting number, with a portrait of President Roosevelt on the cover. Joseph W. Gavan tells in the opening article "What It Really Means to be a Member of Congress." "An Irish Fair," "The Cure's Match-making," "The Protestant Spirit in Moore," "Ireland's Greatest Glories," are some of the papers provided. (Donahoe's Magazine Company: Boston.)

— The April *World Today* has its usual attractive list of articles. One of the best is on the "Unionizing of the School Teachers." Another is on the "Northwest Mail;" another on "Christian Science from a Psychologist's Point of View," by Prof. James R. Angell, of Chicago University. He finds it, of course, very absurd, and thinks the sect will go to pieces by disintegration as soon as the authority of Mrs. Eddy's living personality is removed. In an article on "The Spineless Cac-

tus," Mr. Hamilton Wright, secretary of the California Promotion Committee, quotes the assertion of an agricultural expert of national reputation that this product of Mr. Burbank's genius will make it possible to double the present population of the globe through the peopling of the deserts. Mr. Burbank has already originated more than 2,000 species, subspecies, and varieties of plants; his potato alone has been estimated to have added \$20,000,000 to the wealth of the United States. Mr. Wolf Von Schierbrand, writing on the "Advisers of the Czar," says: "The feeblest and most insignificant ruler that has sat on the Russian throne for the past two centuries is also the one without the help and counsel of a great statesman." (World Today Publishing Co.: Chicago.)

— *Lippincott's* for April has a novelette by Francis Lynde entitled, "A Fool for Love." There is an important paper on Rosa Bonheur, and five short stories. (J. B. Lippincott Co.: Philadelphia, Pa.)

— In the *Chautauquan* for March the following subjects are treated: "Schubert and his Music;" "Compulsory Insurance;" "The High School Period;" "Weimar, the Athens of Germany;" "Social Conditions in the Romance Countries." (Chautauqua Press: Chautauqua, N. Y.)

— In the *Arena* for April, besides a continuance of Mr. Blankenburg's exposure of the corrupt politics of Pennsylvania, and various other social and political pieces of value, Kate Richards O'Hare answers the question: "Is Divorce a Forward or a Backward Step?" She counts it to be the former. This is the third successive month that this periodical has had articles in favor of freer divorce and severely animadverting upon the ministers for opposing the same. We think such a magazine might be in better business. That socialism has strong tendencies to free love, is well known, and it is one of the weak points about it. (Albert Brandt: 5 Park Square, Boston.)

— The *Homiletic Review* for April has articles and sermons by a distinguished list of contributors, such as President Charles Cuthbert Hall, Dr. Washington Gladden, Dr. John Bailcom Shaw, Dr. E. P. Ingersoll, Dr. F. B. Meyer, Dr. C. L. Goodell, President F. L. Patton, President Alfred T. Perry, and many others. (Funk & Wagnalls Co.: New York.)



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Epworth League Column

THE AGE QUESTION

AT this season it is not amiss to republish the action of the Board of Control concerning the age of workers in the League. It was as follows:

"It is now more than fifteen years since the Epworth League was born. Many of our most useful and honored members have literally grown old in the service. Without realizing, themselves, the advancement of years, they have become gray in hair, even if green and fresh in heart and spirit. These brethren and sisters, loved and respected by all, little appreciate, perhaps, that the small boys and girls of 1889, when the League came into being, are now the young men and women who most need the benefits which come from active participation in the chapter work. Our older friends, many of whom have not missed a League meeting during these years, and who take an active interest, have overlooked the important fact that the difference in age acts as a barrier to perfect freedom on the part of the younger people. For this reason we feel that the older people should exercise the most delicate tact and the most Christlike spirit, making every effort to put themselves in the background in accepting office and presuming to dictate the management of the chapter. In many instances, indeed, would it not be well for some of us older ones to retire from active membership in the League, except so far as outside encouragement and loyalty to League ideals go? At any rate, we feel that the attention of our older members should be called to the importance of this subject.

"While this largely is a matter of locality, yet it is a question in the mind of your committee whether or not a person above thirty years of age should hold office or be conspicuously active in many of our chapters. Should there be, in any community, a large number of Epworthians who have passed the age suggested, or who naturally associate with older persons, would it not be wise to form a class of Senior Epworthians, leaving the League itself to the members between the class and its graduates from the Junior League?

"This class, perhaps, could not attempt all the activities of the chapter, but could act in the line of some department or departments of special interest in the locality in question, or could do such specified work as may be mutually agreeable to the class and chapter. At stated intervals this class could report to the chapter, and thus keep in touch with the League itself.

"Our desire is not to drive from the League any person, young or old, but rather to arrange matters so that disparity in ages and ability may not embarrass any chapter, or preclude the active participation therein of the younger people, and all will retain membership in and be identified with the Epworth League."

That some chapters have practically ceased to include the young people among their members, and that with many others this is measurably so, is unfortunately true. It is a sound principle that

in League work the tendency in selecting leaders should always be toward those of younger age. Each year adds an aggregate of seven years to the age of the members of a cabinet. Younger members must be frequently introduced, or it will pass out of touch with the younger element, the incorporation of which is the first care of a chapter. But let not the question of age be pressed to the material damage of a chapter. Let there be no strife between the older and younger members. Anything resembling factional or party lines should be frowned down. Each member should view this matter in a loving and unselfish spirit. A general personal consultation among the members should confirm the confidence of each in the ideal spirit of all the rest, and should result in a selection representing the best available combination as to age and efficiency. Let the older ones exercise magnanimity, and the younger ones confidence, but especially ought the older members to be magnanimous.

EDWIN M. RANDALL,
General Secretary.

Fitchburg Epworth Union

The first meeting of the re-organized Epworth Union, comprising the Leagues of Fitchburg, West Fitchburg, Oak Hill, Leominster and Lunenburg, was held at First Church, Fitchburg, Monday evening, March 27, and was a decided success. It took the form of a School of Methods under the direction of the Spiritual department, and three specialists in their several lines were the speakers.

In the absence of the president, Mr. George S. Cogswell, Rev. C. E. Spaulding presided. The hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung, and the devotional exercise, consisting of a Scripture lesson and prayer, was conducted by Rev. James H. Stubbs. The offertory duet, "Forever with the Lord," was rendered by Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Page.

Rev. Benj. F. Kingsley, of Lowell, had for his subject, "Junior League Work." He had the satisfaction of looking into the faces of a large number of church and League workers, who had formerly been trained by him in the Junior League, furnishing good evidence of the value of his methods in Junior work.

"Personal Evangelism" was presented by Rev. E. P. Herrick, of Lowell, who said: "In order to lead another to Christ, one must have a genuine spiritual life, which pre-supposes that the Leaguer will have a definite personal experience; he must also have a definite feeling of the need of evangelization, a heart-consciousness of this need. There must be burned into our hearts the truth of the lost condition of the unsaved. The strongest effort in League work should be in the Spiritual department under the direction of the Holy Spirit, which means consecration and action. The work is not to be spasmodic, but continuous, following up the effort in devotional meetings all through the week, forming praying circles, and engaging in hand-to-hand work." Miss Florence Scott sang, "Abide with Me."

"League Bible Study" was the topic of Rev. H. L. Wriston, of Springfield. He was introduced as one who has tried and made a success of this work. In his introduction he spoke of the meeting of the Epworth League at Indianapolis six years ago, when Dr. (now Bishop) Berry and others discovered some things for the Epworth League that were worth while, among them being the Bible study classes. The place of the Bible in the world was dwelt upon, after which he spoke of the enrichment of all life, its place as a book of humanities and a book that teaches us how to live. Right and wrong methods of study were presented, and a strong appeal made to give the Book a chance. The first two papers were followed by a discussion led respectively by Miss Florence Scott and Mr. George J. Pethybridge.

Refreshments were served in the vestry to a large company by the Twombly League. The chairman of committee on the program was

Miss Myra A. Phelps, and on refreshments, Mrs. E. H. Page.

Cambridge District Convention

At the invitation of the Somerville Epworth League, the Cambridge District Epworth League will hold its annual convention in First Church, Somerville, on April 19, beginning at 10 o'clock and continuing through the afternoon and evening. In the morning there will be addresses by Rev. George S. Butters, D. D., Rev. Wilbur N. Mason, Mr. Ralph A. Ward, and Miss Helen M. Newell; in the afternoon by Rev. C. E. Spaulding and Rev. Wm. W. Guth; and in the evening by Rev. John Galbraith, Ph. D. An important feature of the program will be the department conferences, in charge of members of the district cabinet. Each League is earnestly requested to have at least one representative at each department conference. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in Epworth League work to attend the convention. GRACE M. SNOW, Sec.

PRAYER-MEETING TOPIC

The Power of His Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 23

REV. MATTHIAS S. KAUFMAN, D. D.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

April 17. The resurrection strengthens. John 20: 24-29.
April 18. It emboldens confession. Acts 4: 10-20.
April 19. It transforms life. Acts 26: 4-18.
April 20. Has power for healing. Acts 3: 12-16.
April 21. Power for keeping. 1 Pet. 1: 1-5.
April 22. It encourages. 2 Tim. 2: 8-13.
April 23. Topic—The Power of His Resurrection. Rom. 6: 3-13; Phil. 3: 10

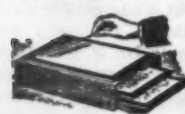
Easter Dawn

Our Saviour was crucified. He was buried. These are two sad facts. They are not disputed by accredited authority. There is another fact in this connection equally well established, which has in it not a particle of sadness; it is all joy and brightness: He arose. Every year with increasing appreciation and joyous gratitude we celebrate this wondrous event. We call it marvelous, and yet how meagerly do we realize the supreme and sublime truths it proclaims and emphasizes! It is not the resurrection to a life beyond the portals of time alone, that it brings into view. The Easter dawn has also tremendous significance for the life that now is.

The Stone Rolled Away

Where, O universe, could there have been found sufficient power to hold that stone in place at the grave's mouth when the omnipotent Maker of all things was ready to come forth? When Christ arose from the sepulchre, His part of redemption's plan was completed. Thereby was secured the offer to every human being of the right and power to arise from the death of sin and to walk forth in newness of life hid with Christ in God. We need not ask now who will roll away the stone. God takes care of that for

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1. "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin."
2. Reckon ye also yourselves to be "alive unto God."

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The Caution of Easter Lilies

They are very attractive in their immaculate purity. But they are frail. When frost-bitten they wilt and become repulsive in appearance. Think not because in Christ you become dead to sin, that therefore you are no longer in peril on account of sin. Satan is not dead. You are not free from temptation. In thyself thou hast not strength or merit. Watch and pray! Rely wholly upon Christ; He is your life. Only by having and keeping within you His resurrection power, can you hope to stand.

Heed the voice of conscience. Deal honestly with thyself. Consecrate yourself wholly to Him. It is the whole-hearted Christian who is most secure as well as most useful. Our own well-known frailties caution us to keep near Christ. The assurance that "sin shall not have dominion over you," ought to make us courageous and heroic and victorious in every conflict with evil.

Lily Robes

1. A Scotch divine, failing to satisfy the rigidly Calvinistic part of his flock, was taken to task by one who said: "Why, sir, we think you dinna tell us enough about renouncing our ain righteousness." "Renouncing your ain righteousness?" exclaimed the sturdy doctor. "I never saw any ye had to renounce."

2. In a Spanish court during Cuban oppression a man was condemned to be shot. He proved to be an American citizen and of English birth. By reason of this, the consuls of the two countries interfered, declaring that the Spanish authorities had no right to execute him. But they persisted, and the unfortunate victim of their wrath was led out to the place appointed for his execution. The soldiers were drawn up in line for deadly work, when just then the consuls arrived. Alighting from their carriage, they hastened to the condemned man. Throwing around him the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack, they said: "Now fire a shot if you dare! If you do, you will have to reckon with the two most powerful nations on earth." From that moment the man was perfectly safe. Immensely more secure is he who is clothed in the robes of Christ's righteousness. Lily white

robes are for those whose sins have become as wool for purity.

"What regal vestments can with them compare?
"What king so shining? Or what queen so fair?"

Easter Emphasis

Let it be placed upon the word *power*. Meditate upon the splendid phrase — "the power of His resurrection." This limitless power was made manifest, when Christ went down into death's dominions, to its very central citadel, and conquered it for us. "He led captivity captive." Paul caught the idea, and said even "death is yours," yours by the right of conquest. Knowing Christ aright brings to us the highest form of His power, which is the power of His resurrection.

Fall River, Mass.

W. H. M. S.

The second quarterly meeting of the New England Conference W. H. M. S. was held in First Church, Somerville, Wednesday, April 5. Despite the lowering skies and the fact that the Annual Conference was in session, there was a good attendance at the opening service. Mrs. L. W. Adams, of Marlboro, conducted the devotional exercises. The president, Mrs. E. M. Taylor, in words of gracious greeting and appreciation, gave the key-note of the day. Mrs. Floyd, as corresponding secretary, reported a present membership of 1,964. Supplies for the quarter were reported to the value of \$1,256.25. Mrs. Barber's report showed the general receipts to have been \$1,748.38.

Mr. Feri F. Weiss, U. S. Immigrant Inspector of the port of Boston, was most interesting in his address. He said the first thought of immigration should be not the past, not the present, but the future. It is necessary that some sort of a barrier be erected, or this country will be as overcrowded as Europe. Four classes are excluded on examination: Those with contagious or loathsome diseases; paupers, or those likely to become public charges; criminals and contract laborers. Mr. Weiss was very kind in answering the many questions asked him, and paid high tribute to the great value of the Immigrant Home in East Boston.

Miss Dean sang "The Plains of Peace." Miss Perry, chairman of the Immigrant Home, gave her statistical report and spoke of some of the needs there. The report from headquarters, Room 40, 38 Bromfield St., given by Miss Annie Stratton, was, as usual, both exact and encouraging: 353 callers have been received there, and over 700 free leaflets sent out. Miss Stratton explained some new literature, and her attractive table was surrounded in the intervals of business throughout the day.

The noonday devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. A. Alexander, of Cambridge, whose earnest words on the need of being "Spirit filled Christians" must have touched many hearts. Mrs. Morrison, president of the entertaining society, greeted the convention in hospitable words, and about ninety women accepted her invitation to partake of the bountiful luncheon served at this time.

At 2 P. M. the meeting was called to order by the president, and Mrs. George Skene conducted the devotions. Mrs. Morrison reported an increase of 102 in the subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions*, and of 57 in *Children's Home Missions*. Mrs. McDowell, as superintendent of Young People's Work, reported 13 circles, 7 bands, and a membership of 365. Mrs. Perkins, in her Mother's Jewels' report, was, as usual, in every way satisfactory. Mrs. A. G. Barber, of Newton, was presented to the Conference, and spoke of the woman's auxiliary to be formed in connection with the work of Morgan Memorial. Miss Bertha Skinner, of Somerville, gave two soprano solos during the afternoon. The report of the Medical Mission committee was given by Mrs. Jacobs.

Dr. Gallagher, of Washington, was expected to deliver an address, but, finding himself unable to do so, sent a letter relating to the aims and ambitions of Rust Hall. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. T. J. Everett, of Westbury, R. I., president of the N. E. Southern Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. Her charming personality, beautiful voice, and thorough knowledge of the Society's work make this speaker an always welcome one, and it is impossible to properly review her address in this report. Her subject was, "After Twenty-five Years — What?" She told of the

little band of women who in Cincinnati, twenty-five years ago, formed the Society with "nothing but faith and a field." Some idea of the attainments were given as she told of the present membership of 85,000 women, with 40,000 young people and children; of the property valued at nearly a million dollars; of the more than fifty Homes, and the thousands that have been under the influence of the schools and Homes. From this vantage-ground and "mount of vision" we see that the field is greater and the opportunities more than ever before.

Mrs. Farr presented resolutions, which were adopted, voicing the gratitude of the convention for the hospitality of the church in entertaining, and for the speakers and musicians of the day, and of appreciation of the officers of the Society, after which the meeting adjourned.

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NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Reported by REV. GEORGE F. DURGIN.

THE Epworth League anniversary was held on Tuesday evening. Rev. E. M. Antrim, president of the New England Conference League, presided. Rev. F. M. Estes read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. J. W. Stephan prayed. The address was by Rev. S. J. Herben, D. D., editor of the *Epworth Herald*. The church was crowded.

WEDNESDAY

The 109th session of the New England Conference opened in the new and beautiful Melrose church, Wednesday, April 5, at 9.30 A. M., with Bishop C. H. Fowler in the chair. The pastor, Rev. C. H. Stackpole, and his able corps of helpers, had all arrangements for caring for the Conference well made.

Bishop Fowler opened the Conference with prayer and the reading of 1 Corinthians 13, and, assisted by the presiding elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference, and 140 members answered. "Present." Six names were called for the last time—J. S. Barrows, A. W. Baird, John Capen, W. E. Dwight, F. H. Ellis, and S. F. Upham having been translated during the year.

James Mudge was elected secretary for the seventeenth time, and named A. M. Osgood and J. P. Kennedy as assistants.

A. P. Sharp was elected statistical secretary, but, having served sixteen years, he asked to be excused. W. M. Cassidy was elected, and nominated for assistant J. W. Ward.

G. H. Clarke was elected treasurer, and as assistants named J. W. Higgins, C. E. Davis, W. M. Ayres, and P. L. Frick.

Alfred Noon was elected biographical secretary.

On the Conference relation committee J. F. Allen was put in the place of F. E. Hamilton, who is absent; and Garrett Beekman in place of J. H. Humphrey.

It was ordered that the Preachers' Aid committee should constitute the board of stewards, and the following committee was elected to solicit funds during the session: R. P. Walker, H. P. Rankin, F. W. Collier and W. H. Dockham.

All, except General Conference officers, who would address the Conference, were ordered to get permission from the following committee: C. E. Davis, S. M. Dick, C. E. Spaulding, G. S. Chadbourne, and F. J. Hale.

G. H. Rogers was appointed to solicit subscribers for the *Methodist Review*.

The memorial service for deceased preachers, preachers' wives and widows, was wisely put into this first morning session, and a full house listened to these memoirs: A. W. Baird, age 58, by E. R. Thorndike; J. S. Barrows, 75, by James Mudge; John Capen, 76, by W. T. Perrin; W. E. Dwight, 58, by Alfred Noon; F. H. Ellis, 48, by George Whitaker; Mrs. John Cadwell, 89, by C. E. Davis; Mrs. W. J. Hambleton, 75, by F. C. Haddock; Mrs. J. W. Higgins, 47, by George Whitaker; Mrs. Mary S. Merrill, 75, by C. F. Rice; and, fittingly last, S. F. Upham, 70, by C. F. Rice.

A resolution regarding this Conference's deficit to the General Conference fund was received and referred to a special committee.

On motion of the secretary, the printed Minutes were made the official record of the session.

J. H. Mansfield, presiding elder of Cambridge District, passed in character, and read his seventeenth annual report.

The Bishop reported Chan Lok Shang transferred from the California Conference, and Andrew Hanson from the New York East.

At 2 P. M. the Conference sermon was preached by Rev. William F. Warren, D. D., who took for his text Psalm 91:1, and preached an exceptionally scholarly and helpful sermon. G. S. Butters offered the prayer.

At 3 P. M., the Preachers' Aid Society held its anniversary. L. B. Bates presided, J. F. Allen prayed, C. W. Blackett and J. O. Knowles made strong addresses.

At 4 P. M., a largely attended and effective "Gospel service" was in charge of L. A. Nies and J. W. Higgins. A number of per-

sons came to decisions about the Christian life.

At 7 P. M., the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was presided over by H. W. Ewing and addressed by Dr. W. P. Thirkield. W. A. Wood made the prayer, and E. V. Hinchliffe led the congregation in song. The address was excellent.

This was followed by the anniversary of the Deaconess Association. Jesse Wagner presided. An interesting and profitable program included music by a large chorus under the lead of Mr. William C. Brown, prayer by E. M. Antrim, and addresses by Miss Josephine S. Fisk and Mr. Theodore A. Hildreth.

THURSDAY

The morning devotions were led by C. E. Davis.

The secretary read the minutes of Wednesday's session.

It was voted that the money received from the Book Concern be divided as usual—three-fourths to the Preachers' Aid Society and one-fourth to the Sustentation Fund.

The roll of Cambridge District was called, and the preachers passed in character and reported "all collections taken."

Three presiding elders—J. M. Leonard of Lynn District, W. G. Richardson of Springfield District, and W. T. Perrin of Boston District—passed in character and read their reports. The preachers of these districts passed in character and reported their collections.

Bishop Mallalien's entrance was made the occasion of applause by the Conference standing. Bishop Fowler introduced him, and later he spoke and presented \$150 to the Preachers' Aid Society—this Conference's part of the proceeds from two books recently published, all the profits of which are given to the six New England Conferences.

Dr. G. P. Mains presented the interests of the Book Concern, stating that the profits to be divided among the Conferences is \$120,000. The appropriation to this Conference is \$1,848.

The 7th Question was taken up, and the class for admission into full connection was called and addressed by the Bishop.

At 2 P. M. G. R. Grose preached the annual missionary sermon from the words of Eph. 3: 8, 9.

At 3 o'clock the anniversary of the Sunday School Society was presided over by C. E. Spaulding and addressed by Dr. A. P. George, of St. Louis and Mr. Hamilton Conant. Miss Lella Simon gave dramatic Bible readings.

At 4, the Gospel service was in charge of E. L. Mills and H. L. Wriston. It was attended by a large audience, and was very interesting.

In the evening two anniversaries were held. That of the Church Extension Society had George Whitaker for president, and was addressed by Rev. J. G. Bickerton, D. D., who made a very pleasing and effective address. The City Evangelization Union was presided over by E. T. Curnick, and addressed by E. J. Helms, C. E. Spaulding, R. E. Bisbee, B. F. Kingsley, C. A. Littlefield, H. L. Wriston, A. L. Squier, and A. C. Skinner. Each speaker was brief, concise, crisp, and had something to say.

FRIDAY

The morning devotional service was led by J. D. Pickles.

On motion of John Galbraith, the appointment of a commission on Aggressive Evangelism, to be auxiliary to that appointed by the General Conference, was ordered, and, on motion of L. B. Bates, the following committee was elected to nominate this commission: F. T. Pomeroy, B. F. Kingsley, A. C. Skinner, C. O. Ford, G. H. Spencer.

The classes were called and passed. Nine men were questioned by Bishop Fowler and admitted to full membership as follows: C. H. Davis, C. H. Atkins, G. E. Folk, B. L. Jennings, E. L. Smiley, E. L. Mills, J. E. Lacount, D. L. Martin and C. T. Ensign.

Those passed as having completed the course of studies were A. B. Tyler, C. O. Ford, and Vincent Ravi.

T. C. Cleveland, N. E. Richardson, H. W. Hook, T. J. Judge, H. S. Wilkinson, and J. M. Gage were advanced to the studies of the second year.

Elihu Grant was passed to the studies of the fourth year. H. O. Enwall and W. G. Chaffee were continued on trial in studies of the fourth year. H. S. Dow was continued on trial and passed to the studies of the third year. G. R. Moody was continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

Those elected to deacon's orders were E. L. Smiley, M. C. Wright, Edward Hislop, C. W. Simpson, F. P. Flegel, C. L. Wallace, and C. T. Ensign.

Those elected to elder's orders were C. H. Atkins, C. H. Davis, G. E. Folk, B. L. Jennings, E. M. Lutterman, H. S. Wilkinson, N. E. Richardson, F. W. Hill, A. B. Tyler, Vincent Ravi, and Johannes Walkama.

C. T. Ensign was transferred from the Upper Iowa Conference, and F. W. Hill from the Northern Minnesota, for the purpose of ordination, and both will be retransferred.

L. W. Staples, H. W. Ewing and T. C. Martin were made a committee to send the

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At the suggestion of the Bishop, G. S. Butters, A. H. Herrick, W. H. Meredith and E. M. Antrim were made a committee on Deaconess work.

Dr. W. P. Thirkield, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced, and spoke for his work. He said of Bishop Mallieu's assistance: "He has gathered for our Society more than \$100,000."

Dr. J. G. Bickerton, of Philadelphia, presiding elder of the West District and vice-president of the Board of Church Extension, excellently represented his Society.

Charles Parkhurst brought a check from the Wesleyan Association for \$367, this Conference's part of the \$1,000 appropriated this year by the Association for the superannuates. During the sixteen years that Dr. Parkhurst has been editor ZION'S HERALD has shown a profit of over \$50,000, more than \$30,000 of which has been divided among the six patronizing Conferences for the worn-out preachers, and \$20,000 has been paid toward the indebtedness on Wesleyan Building.

Bishop Goodsell was enthusiastically received.

Daniel Richards, who was pastor at North Malden (now Melrose) sixty-two years ago, and is the second oldest member of the Conference, had a seat on the platform.

At 2 P. M., the anniversary of the Education Society was merged with the alumni reunion of Boston University School of Theology. C. E. Davis presided. Dr. C. W. Rishell read the Scripture lesson and prayed. President W. E. Huntington, President B. P. Raymond and Dean W. F. Warren made strong addresses.

At 4 P. M. a valuable Gospel service was in charge of A. L. Squier and S. M. Dick. On invitation, thirteen persons stood who had been Christians more than fifty years.

In the evening the anniversary of the Conference Temperance Society was held. J. F. Allen presided. F. T. Pomeroy prayed. Addresses were made by Hon. H. H. Newton, mayor of Everett, Hon. S. H. Britrick, mayor of Melrose, Dean William M. Warren, of Boston University, and Mrs. Mary A. Livermore.

SATURDAY

The half-hour devotions were conducted by C. W. Holden.

The order to divide the money received from the Wesleyan Association—three-fourths to the Preachers' Aid and one-fourth to the Sustentation Fund—was passed.

J. M. Leonard, treasurer of the Conference board of stewards, reported.

G. H. Clarke read the annual report for the same board, the report including a resolution not to employ a financial agent for the Conference Claimants next year.

J. B. Brady read his report as financial agent for the Conference Claimants' fund.

A long and very exciting discussion followed the reading of this report, ending with the adoption of the resolution of the committee, thus terminating Dr. Brady's connection with the Preachers' Aid Society.

The supernumerary preachers were called and passed in character: B. J. Johnston, G. H. Perkins, J. C. Ferguson, Edward Higgins, P. R. Stratton, Daniel Richards, Alonzo Sanderson, Albert Beal, C. A. Littlefield, G. L. Collyer, L. J. Birney, J. H. Humphrey, and G. W. Tupper.

The roll of the superannuated preachers was called, and each passed in character; H. C. Dunham, C. H. Vinton, W. M. Ayres,

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F. M. McConnell was continued on trial in the studies of the fourth year.

Five young men were received on trial: J. E. Charlton, E. D. Lupien, D. H. Gerrish, Arthur Wright, and William Hodge.

J. F. Knotts was elected to deacon's orders as a local preacher.

C. L. Peterson was transferred from the California Conference and admitted into full membership and transferred back.

S. C. Cary, representing the committee to nominate a member of this Conference for membership in the General Theological Library, Boston, named W. E. Huntington, and he was elected.

N. T. Whitaker reported for the Board of Deaconesses. G. S. Butters and Mr. W. T. Rich, of Newton, were elected members of the Deaconess Corporation. C. A. Crane was elected visitor to all the deaconess institutions. Miss Alice L. Thorpe was licensed as a deaconess. The following deaconesses' licenses were renewed: Misses Mary Andros, Clara M. Barber, Ruth G. Barr, Adeliza A. Betts, Sarah G. Blakely, Edna C. Brown, Bessie Carty, Susie Colson, Josephine S. Fisk, Emilie S. Freeman, Oriana F. Harding, Ellen L. Hibbard, Caroline E. Moxie, Annette Lundwall, Lettie Mason, Annie Raynes, Mary Simester, Clara Wood.

In the afternoon the anniversaries of the Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary Societies were honored with a crowded church. At the Foreign Mrs. C. H. Hanaford presided, and Rev. George Heber Jones, D. D., made the address. Mrs. E. M. Taylor presided over the meeting of the Home Society, and the address was delivered by Rev. C. M. Melden, D. D.

At 4 o'clock a delightful and largely-attended reception was given to ministers' wives and daughters at the parsonage.

L. B. Bates had charge of the 4 o'clock Gospel service, which was addressed by two laymen from East Boston Bethel—Mr. G. W. Ordway and Capt. James Perkins.

The anniversary of the Wesley Brotherhood was held Saturday evening. J. D. Pickles presided. P. L. Frick conducted the devotions. The vested choir from the Belmont Church furnished the music. Rev. John Handley, D. D., of New York city, and Rev. A. P. George, D. D., of St. Louis, were the speakers.

SUNDAY

Fully 1,200 people had crowded into City Hall before the love-feast closed, which

was led by F. K. Stratton. Bishop Goodsell was among the 188 who spoke.

For the morning preaching service the Hall could not accommodate those who came, and more than 300 attended the overflow meeting in the church, where Bishop Goodsell preached from 2 Cor. 4: 6.

At the City Hall Charles Parkhurst read Isaiah 51, and prayed. Bishop Fowler preached from the text, Romans 3: 25, 26. His subject was, "The Atonement."

In the afternoon the church was crowded to witness the ordination of the deacons and elders and the consecration of deaconesses. The deacons were: Charles T. Ensign, Frank P. Flegel, Edward Hislop, James F. Knotts, C. W. Simpson, Edmund L. Smiley, C. L. Wallace and M. C. Wright. The elders were as follows: Charles H. Davis, George E. Folk, Frederick W. Hill, Bert L. Jennings, Edward M. Lutterman, Vincent Ravi, Albert B. Tyler, Johannes Walkama and Howard S. Wilkinson. Miss Alice L. Thorpe was consecrated a deaconess.

At the Baptist Church Dr. A. P. George gave a most interesting talk to a large audience, many of whom were children.

In the evening occurred the anniversary of the Missionary Society, J. D. Pickles presiding. W. H. Meredith read the Scripture, and F. H. Wheeler offered prayer. The secretary and treasurer, James Mudge, read the annual report, the most interesting item of which was the statement of an increase of \$1,200 in the Conference giving

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for missions. The address was made by Rev. George Heber Jones, D. D. It was necessary at this service, also, to have an overflow meeting, which was held in the chapel. A. M. Osgood presided, and A. H. Nazarian spoke.

MONDAY

The morning devotions were conducted by C. W. Blackett.

At 9 o'clock C. F. Rice took the chair, saying: "I am under orders to occupy till the Bishop comes."

The records of Saturday's session were read.

James Mudge read the report of the Missionary Society.

Charles Tilton moved that the secretary be requested to send to Dr. D. C. Babcock a message of sympathy.

On motion of James Mudge the following committee on resolutions was elected: W. N. Mason, W. A. Wood, C. E. Holmes.

Reports from committees were made: J. R. Chaffee for the Bible Society; L. B. Bates for Seamen's Aid; L. W. Staples for Sustentation Fund; William Full for the Tract Society; E. T. Curnick for City Missions and Church Extension; C. E. Spaulding for the Sunday-school; J. H. Thompson for Temperance; E. M. Antrim for the Epworth League; G. S. Chadbourne for the Church Aid; C. H. Stackpole for ZION'S HERALD. These were all adopted. G. S. Butters, for the committee, nominated for membership on the Conference Deaconess Board, W. T. Perrin, G. H. Spencer, and Mrs. S. C. Cary.

F. T. Pomeroy nominated for the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, the presiding elders; at large, John Galbraith; Districts—Boston, C. A. Crane, L. A. Nies, Messrs. G. L. Shutts, and G. F. Washburn; Cambridge, C. E. Spaulding, G. F. Durgin, Messrs. F. T. Rich and W. T. Rich; Lynn, L. B. Bates, C. W. Blackett, Messrs. H. B. Emery and A. F. Moody; Springfield, H. L. Wriston, J. P. Kennedy, Judges L. E. Hitchcock and R. C. Parker.

A. P. Sharp reported for the special committee on the matter of the General Conference deficiency.

J. M. Leonard reported for the trustees. The vested funds amount to \$19,979.52. R. F. Holway, secretary, also reported, and a committee nominated E. R. Thorndike, William B. Toulmin, and W. T. Perrin for trustees, and C. A. Littlefield and Dillon Bronson for auditors.

T. C. Watkins reported for the Conference Bureau, showing a balance on hand of \$560.77.

In connection with the Temperance report, O. R. Miller, legislative superintendent of the National Temperance Society, Alfred Noon, secretary of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society, and Miss Lucy B. Gaston, superintendent of the Anti-Cigarette League, were invited to speak, and addressed the Conference.

In connection with the report on ZION'S HERALD a committee, consisting of C. F. Rice, C. H. Stackpole, C. W. Blackett, George Skene, and J. D. Pickles were appointed to inquire as to the relation which the Conference has to the Wesleyan Association as publishers of ZION'S HERALD.

S. M. Dick, W. E. Vandermark, G. S. Chadbourne, and R. F. Holway were elected committee on Church Insurance.

L. W. Staples presented the report of the special committee on Aggressive Methodism. The Conference invited T. C. Martin to speak.

C. F. Rice presided in the afternoon. George Whitaker read the Scriptures and offered prayer.

T. C. Martin presented the conditions of churches throughout the Conference, illustrating with a carefully prepared map.

The commission on Aggressive Methodism, to be constituted of the presiding elders, two preachers from each district to be appointed by the elders, and T. C. Martin as member at large and general secretary, was elected.

G. H. Clarke reported a deficiency of \$400 in the fund to pay the field agent of the Conference Claimants' Fund. The Conference ordered the payment in full, the collection of such other sums as can be secured, and the reference of the final deficit to the next Conference session.

Alexander Dight asked that he and A. P. Sharp might "have the floor together for a few minutes." He then recalled the faithful sixteen years' service of Dr. Sharp as statistical secretary, and presented a check as a reminder of appreciation and a token of good brotherhood. Dr. Sharp's reply was very happy.

J. B. Brady requested the appointment of auditors for his accounts. In response,

the request was referred to the Conference Board of Stewards.

George Whitaker read the report of the Church Extension committee. A committee consisting of V. A. Cooper, J. P. Kennedy and E. R. Thorndike, was appointed to investigate the methods of the Church Extension Society in the cases of properties which cease to be used for church purposes.

A. W. L. Nelson read the Sunday-school report.

F. K. Stratton presented resolutions commending W. A. Mayo to the New Hampshire Conference, to which he is transferred.

At the evening session C. F. Rice presided, and N. T. Whitaker conducted the devotions.

W. A. Wood read the report of the committee on Education, and the following visitors were elected: To the Boston Correspondence School, G. S. Chadbourne, L. B. Bates; to Wesleyan Academy, C. H. Davis, C. E. Spaulding, C. H. Stackpole; to Boston University School of Theology, S. M. Dick, J. R. Shannon; to Woman's College, Baltimore, W. I. Haven; to Drew Theological School, W. R. Newhall, W. A. Wood.

Pending the adoption of this report, W. R. Newhall and A. A. Wright addressed the Conference.

Mr. Harrison Newhall was elected a trustee of Wesleyan Academy for the term ending in 1909.

On motion of John Galbraith the nomination of the Conference Relations Committee was referred to the regular nominating committee. A little later this committee reported the following, who were elected: W. T. Perrin, G. S. Butters, C. W. Blackett, E. R. Thorndike, C. E. Spaulding, John Galbraith, W. R. Newhall, W. G. Richardson, W. F. Warren, and E. R. Thorndike were elected a committee on Church Federation.

The board of examiners were appointed as follows: C. F. Rice, George S. Butters, John Galbraith, G. H. Spencer, C. H. Stackpole, C. E. Spaulding, C. E. Holmes, George R. Grose, Henry L. Wriston, Alexander Dight, W. N. Mason, R. F. Holway, A. P. Sharp, Charles W. Blackett, George H. Clarke, C. W. Holden, W. A. Wood, R. E. Bisbee, S. M. Dick, and W. H. Meredith.

W. M. Cassidy, statistical secretary, read his first report.

At 8:30 o'clock the Bishop and elders came in. The Bishop took the chair.

G. H. Clarke, treasurer, reported.

J. M. Leonard, treasurer of the Sustentation Fund, reported.

The resignation of J. B. Brady as field agent for the Conference Claimants' Fund, was read and accepted.

W. N. Mason, for the committee on resolutions, read a carefully prepared appreciation of the service rendered to the Conference by Bishop Fowler, by the church, and by the pastor, C. H. Stackpole, and others. A proper and wisely worded reference to the disregard paid by the reporters to one rather delicate matter provoked loud and long applause.

F. A. Bradford, a Congregational preacher, was questioned by the Bishop, and his orders as an elder were recognized.

L. W. Staples addressed Dr. Joseph H. Mansfield, who retires from the presiding eldership after seventeen years of service, in kindly words of appreciation, and presented from the men of Cambridge District a check in token of love and esteem. Dr. Mansfield's reply was in fitting and sympathetic words of appreciation of the men of his districts.

J. D. Pickles asked to have "a few private words in public with Dr. Willard T. Perrin." He recalled university days, the associations which have followed, "the deepening affection of the brethren," and the work done on the Boston District among the men and in their homes. Dr. Perrin's reply was in strong, earnest words of Christian brotherliness. He commended Bishop Fowler and all the Bishops with whom he had served, and thanked the brethren for the relationships held and for the check which Dr. Pickles had presented from the district.

W. T. Perrin read a letter of greetings from Dillon Bronson, and S. C. Cary reported ed similar greetings from Franklin Hamilton.

G. F. Durgin was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon next year, with W. A. Wood alternate.

The Bishop's closing words were brief, tender, full of feeling, Christian. He said: "I have been helped by a thoughtful, prayerful, efficient cabinet. It is your task to win. May the Lord help you! I think

this ought to be a great Conference and do a great work."

At the very last moment, and by the Bishop's request, the Conference appointed five laymen "to look after some church property in Boston." These are: W. T. Rich, William Flanders, C. D. Marcy, G. A. Atwood, W. H. Chadwick.

The appointments were then read, the Bishop reading the names of the presiding elders and the secretary reading the appointments of the preachers. Conference then adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

The following are the appointments:

Boston District

JOHN GALBRAITH, Presiding Elder.

P. O. Address, 69C Adams St., Dorchester.

BOSTON:

Allston,	R. P. Walker
Appleton,	T. W. Bishop
Baker Memorial,	A. P. Sharp
Barham Memorial,	Supplied by F. G. Potter
Bethany,	I. H. Packard
Bromfield St.,	W. T. Perrin
City Point,	Supplied by J. D. Pickles
Dorchester, First,	W. H. Powell
Egleston Square,	Supplied by T. A. Olsen
First Church,	Franklin E. Hamilton
Highland,	J. B. Brady
Jamaica Plain:	G. A. Phinney
First Church,	James Mudge
St. Andrew's,	J. H. Thompson
Mattapan,	H. W. Hook
Morgan Memorial,	E. J. Helms
Parkman St.,	H. B. King
People's Temple,	J. P. Chadbourne
St. John's,	C. A. Crane
Stanton Ave.,	J. D. Pickles
Tremont St.,	L. A. Nies
Upham Memorial,	E. A. Blake
West Roxbury,	C. H. Davis
Winthrop St.,	J. F. Chase
	H. W. Ewing

Brookline, St. Mark's,	Dillon Bronson
Charlton City,	G. H. Rogers
Coerry Valley,	G. O. Crosby
East Dedham,	Walter Healy
East Douglas,	Supplied by F. F. Flegel
Franklin,	F. A. Everett
Highlandville,	Garrett Beekman
Holliston,	J. O. Knowles
Hopkinton,	Supplied by J. A. Davies
Hyde Park,	A. C. Skinner
Leicester and Greenville,	Supplied by C. H. Pyle
Milford,	T. C. Watkins
Milbury,	S. A. Bragg
North Grafton,	Supplied by Chas. Nicklin
Norwood,	To be supplied
Oxford,	I. A. Mesier
Plainville,	H. O. Enwall

QUINCY:

Atlantic,	Supplied by M. C. Wright
West Quincy,	A. B. Tyler
Wollaston,	W. J. Heath

Shrewsbury,	A. R. Nichols
Southbridge,	A. B. Kendig
Southville,	Supplied by H. G. Buckingham
South Walpole,	Wm. Wignall
Upton,	E. L. Mills
Uxbridge,	B. L. Jennings
Walpole,	Supplied by M. L. Robinson
Webster,	H. H. Paine
Westboro,	H. G. Buckingham
West Medway,	Supplied by J. C. Lauburg
Whitinsville,	Wesley Wiggins

WORCESTER:

Coral St.,	J. W. Fallon
Grace Church,	E. B. Patterson
Lakeview,	F. H. Wheeler
Laurel St.,	W. A. Wood
Park Ave.,	J. W. Higgins
Trinity,	S. M. Dick
Webster Square,	W. H. Dockham

W. F. Warren, Dean of School of Theology, Boston University; member of Tremont Street quarterly conference.

V. A. Cooper, Superintendent New England Home for Little Wanderers; member of Winthrop Street quarterly conference.

J. W. Lindsay, Emeritus Professor in Boston University; member of Bromfield Street quarterly conference.

E. W. Virgin, Chaplain in Norfolk County House of Correction; member of East Dedham quarterly conference.

W. I. Haven, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society; member of St. Mark's, Brookline, quarterly conference.

G. A. Wilson, Professor in Syracuse University; member of Norwood quarterly conference.

F. H. Knight, President of New Orleans University; member of St. John's quarterly conference.

Walter Morrill, Chaplain to Colorado Coal and Iron Co.; member of First Church quarterly conference.

L. T. Townsend, Emeritus Professor in Boston University; member of Bromfield Street quarterly conference.

D. L. Martin, First Christian Church, Boston; member of First Church quarterly conference.

G. S. Painter, Professor of Philosophy, George Washington University; member of Upham Memorial quarterly conference.

Joseph H. Mansfield, Superintendent Boston Missionary and Church Extension Society; member of St. Mark's, Brookline, quarterly conference.

Cambridge District

CHARLES F. RICE, Presiding Elder.

Arlington Heights, Supplied by H. W. Rust
 Ashburnham, Supplied by E. W. Lutterman
 Ashland, Supplied by J. C. Baker
 Ayer, Supplied by J. H. Anderson
 Harte, T. J. Judge
 Berlin, Supplied by Joseph Stopford

BOSTON:

Italian Church, Salvatore Musso
 Trinity Church, E. T. Curnick

CAMBRIDGE:

Epworth Church, W. W. Guth
 Grace Church, G. F. Durgin
 Harvard Street, R. F. Holway
 Portuguese Mission, Sup. by Jose F. Beliza
 Trinity Church, F. M. Pickles

Clinton, G. H. Cheney
 Cochituate, A. W. L. Nelson
 Concord (Norwegian and Danish), Andrew Hansen
 East Pepperell, Joseph Candlin
 East Templeton and Phillipston, J. M. Gage

FITCHBURG:

First Church, C. E. Spaulding
 Oak Hill Church, Supplied by J. H. Stubbs
 West Fitchburg, J. H. Stubbs

Gardner, J. E. Lacount
 Glessendale, John H. Mansfield
 Graniteville, Supplied by W. E. Anderson
 Hubbardston, H. G. Butler
 Hudson, J. W. Stephan
 Jefferson, Supplied by R. A. Ward
 Leominster, O. W. Hutchinson

LOWELL:

Central Church, W. W. Shenk
 Centralville, George Whitaker
 French Mission, E. D. Lupien
 Highlands, B. F. Kingsley
 St. Paul's, G. B. Dean
 Worthen Street, E. P. Herrick

Lunenburg, Supplied by Fayette Nichols
 Marlboro, N. T. Whitaker
 Maynard, R. E. Blabee
 Natick (Fisk Memorial), Alexander Dight

NEWTON:

Auburndale, F. C. Haddock
 Newton Church, G. A. Butters
 Newton Centre, K. T. Flewelling
 Newton Highlands, J. E. Charlton
 Newton Lower Falls, J. R. Cushing
 Newton Upper Falls, O. W. Scott
 Newtonville, A. L. Squier

Oakdale, John Peterson
 Saxonville, J. A. Bowler

SOMERVILLE:

Broadway, G. H. Clarke
 First Church, George Skene
 Flint Street, H. P. Rankin
 Park Avenue, J. F. Allen

South Framingham, L. W. Adams
 Sudbury, Supplied by J. F. Phillips
 Townsend, Wm. Hodges

WALTHAM:

First Church, L. W. Staples
 Immanuel, R. L. Greene
 Jesse Wagner

Watertown, C. W. Holden
 West Chelmsford, Supplied by C. M. Merrill
 Weston (P. O., Kendal Green), J. A. Day
 Winchendon, G. E. Folk
 Winchester, Vincent Ravi
 Woburn, N. E. Richardson

WORCESTER:

Norwegian and Danish Mission, Supplied by Christian Peterson
 French Mission, N. W. Devenau

W. O. Holway, Chaplain in United States Navy; member of Newton Centre quarterly conference.

W. E. Huntington, President of Boston University; member of Newton Centre quarterly conference.

A. A. Wright, Dean of Boston Correspondence School; member of Harvard St., Cambridge, quarterly conference.

Charles Parkhurst, editor of ZION'S HERALD; member of First Church, Somerville, quarterly conference.

Henry Lummis, Professor in Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis.; member of First Church, Somerville, quarterly conference.

Daniel Richards, Agent of New England Methodist Historical Society; member of First Church, Somerville, quarterly conference.

J. H. Pillsbury, President of Waban School; member of Newton Centre quarterly conference.

E. M. Taylor, Field Secretary Missionary Society; member of Harvard St., Cambridge, quarterly conference.

C. W. Gallagher, President Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School; member of Auburn-dale quarterly conference.

L. E. Bell, Vice-president of the University of Puget Sound; member of First Church, Boston, quarterly conference.

C. H. Hanford, Financial Secretary Mass. Anti-Saloon League; member of Clinton quarterly conference.

C. H. Johnson, Superintendent St. Christopher's Home, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.; member of Concord quarterly conference.

F. H. Morgan, Field Agent for ZION'S HERALD; member of Gardner quarterly conference.
 S. C. Cary, Instructor in Deaconess Training School; member of Tremont St. quarterly conference.

Lynn District

J. M. LEONARD, Presiding Elder.

P. O. Address, Melrose, Mass.

Ballardvale, William Ferguson
 Beverly, C. H. Atkins

BOSTON:

Meridian Street, L. B. Bates
 Orient Heights, W. G. Chaffee
 Saratoga Street, E. R. Thorndike

Byfield, M. G. Prescott

CHELSEA:

Mt. Bellingham, A. H. Nazarian
 First Church, P. L. Frick

Danvers, W. M. Cassidy
 Essex and Hamilton, C. L. Peterson

EVERETT:

First Church, G. H. Spencer
 Glendale, J. M. Shepler

GLOUCESTER:

Bay View, M. E. Wright
 East Gloucester, Supplied by C. W. Simpson
 Prospect Street, A. M. Osgood
 Riverdale, H. G. Alley

Groveland, Supplied by S. C. Schaeffer
 Haverhill, People's Church, Jerome Wood
 Ipswich, Frederic Woods
 Lawrence, Parker Street, J. P. West

LYNN:

Boston Street, W. H. Meredith
 Broadway, G. W. Mansfield
 First Church, G. R. Grosse
 Highlands, Supplied by C. S. Otto
 Lakeside, Supplied by G. H. McCrea
 Maple Street, F. T. Pomeroy
 St. Luke's, E. D. Lane
 St. Paul's, Charles Tilton
 South Street, O. W. Blackett
 Trinity Church, John Mason

MALDEN:

Belmont Church, G. S. Chadbourne
 Centre Church, J. R. Shannon
 Faulkner Church, F. W. Collier
 Linden Church, Supplied by S. B. Murray
 Maplewood Church, Alfred Woods

MARLBOROUGH:

Marblehead, E. E. Small

MEDFORD:

Wellington, Supplied by C. F. Anderson
 First Church, E. C. Bridgman
 Hillsdale, Supplied by H. B. Potter
 Trinity, Supplied by S. S. Klyne

MELROSE:

Melrose, C. H. Stackpole
 Middleton, Supplied by W. M. Cassidy

NEWBURYPORT:

People's Church, W. J. Kelley
 Washington Street, H. S. Wilkinson

North Andover, G. E. Sanderson
 Peabody, Arthur Bonner
 Reading, W. W. Bowers
 Revere, Supplied by D. H. Manley
 Rockport, L. P. Causey

SALEM:

Lafayette Street, J. W. Ward
 Wesley Church, W. N. Mason

SAUGUS:

Centre Church, Supplied by C. H. Fisher
 Cliftondale, D. H. Gerrish
 Dorr Memorial, Supplied by J. A. Elliott
 East Saugus, Elihu Grant

Stoneham, N. B. Fisk
 Swampscott, Wm. Fall
 Topsfield, H. S. Dow
 Wakefield, J. R. Chaffee

Wilmington, Supplied by Robert Johnson
 Winthrop, J. E. Waterhouse

J. W. F. Barnes, Chaplain Massachusetts State Prison; member of Malden Centre quarterly conference.

G. L. Small, Chaplain Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society; member of Belmont quarterly conference.

W. B. Toulmin, Chaplain Deer Island; member of Malden Centre quarterly conference.

Alfred Noon, Secretary Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society; member of Glendale, Everett, quarterly conference.

S. L. Gracey, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow, China.

J. W. Morris, President Montana College; member of St. Luke's, Lynn, quarterly conference.

F. K. Stratton, Conference Evangelist; member of Melrose quarterly conference.

W. G. Seaman, Professor in De Pauw University; member of Wesley Church, Salem, quarterly conference.

Springfield District

W. G. RICHARDSON, Presiding Elder.

P. O. Address, Springfield, Mass.

Amherst, W. M. Crawford
 Athol, T. C. Cleveland
 Belchertown and Dwight, G. E. Moody
 Bernardston and Gill, C. E. Sherman

Blandford and Russell, Supplied by William Berkeley
 Bondsville, L. L. Heeman
 Brookfield, Supplied by E. M. Lewis
 Charlemont, Supplied by W. T. Miller
 Chester, Supplied by L. R. Swan

CHICOPEE:

Central Church, C. O. Ford
 Chicopee Falls, E. E. Ayers
 Fairview, Supplied by E. L. Smiley

Colrain, Supplied by E. M. Rollins
 Conway, A. S. Gregg
 Easthampton, W. I. Snattuck
 East Longmeadow, N. M. Caton
 Enfield, Supplied by P. A. Bradford
 Feeding Hills, Supplied by D. H. Aldrich
 Greenfield, A. H. Herriek
 Glendale, Supplied by A. L. House
 Hampden, Supplied by N. M. Caton

HOLYOKE:

Appleton St., J. P. Kennedy
 Highlands, F. M. Estes

Leyden and East Colrain, Supplied by Jonathan Cartmill
 Ludlow Centre, Putnam Webber
 Monson, A. B. Gifford

NORTHAMPTON:

First Church, C. E. Holmes
 Florence, James Sutherland

North Brookfield, Supplied by C. R. Sherman
 North Dana and North Prescott, Arthur Wright

Orange, G. A. Cook
 Shelburne Falls, T. C. Martin
 South Athol, W. B. Grover
 Southampton, F. M. McConnell
 South Deerfield, To be supplied
 South Hadley Falls, E. L. Smiley
 Southwick, W. H. Adams
 South and West Worthington, To be supplied
 Spencer, F. J. Hale

SPRINGFIELD:

Asbury First, H. L. Wriston
 Grace Church, G. M. Smiley
 St. James, W. E. Vandermark
 Trinity Church, E. M. Antrim
 Wesley Church, C. C. P. Hillier

Ware, John Wriston
 Wales, Supplied by W. H. Upham

WARREN:

First Church, W. F. Lawford
 West Warren, E. B. Marshall
 West Brookfield, Supplied by W. A. Kilmer

WESTFIELD:

First Church, C. E. Davis
 Mundale and Granville, Supplied by W. T. Hale

WEST SPRINGFIELD:

Merrick, E. V. Hinchliffe
 Mittineague, W. C. Townsend

West Pelham and Cushman, Supplied by George Hudson
 Wilbraham, A. L. Howe
 Williamsburg, Supplied by H. F. Forrest

Joseph Scott, Chaplain Springfield Almshouse; member of Asbury First quarterly conference.

W. R. Newhall, Principal Wesleyan Academy; member of Wilbraham quarterly conference.

Benjamin Gill, Professor State College, P. member of Wilbraham quarterly conference.

O. R. Miller, Legislative Superintendent of the National Temperance Society; member of Holyoke Highlands quarterly conference.

Paul was a man who consciously and constantly felt himself to be under the direction of a Higher Wisdom. He did not call that directing Wisdom by the grim name of Fate, the light term of Fortune, or even the vague description of a Providence, but by the tender appellation of Father. Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul said: "Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you." At every step of his perilous pilgrim career Paul of Tarsus sought to co-operate with the holy purposes of God. The idea of guidance was for him personalized in the Love Divine, which was so concerned for his highest welfare. Happy is the modern Paul who has a like confidence in the directive love of God!

It was once said to Robert Hall concerning Christmas Evans: "He has only one eye." Hall replied: "Ah, but that's a piercer! Only one eye, sir? Why, sir, it's an eye to light an army through a wilderness in a dark night!" Spurgeon once advised his young preachers to go through life with one blind eye and one deaf ear. If one eye be shut to the distractions of the world or to the fallings of others, the other eye should gleam with a fire that will lead Israel through a wilderness of dark doubt, or with a fierceness that will send Satan's hosts reeling into ruin.

THE CONFERENCES

MAINE CONFERENCE

Portland District

Portland, Chestnut St. — This has been a year of ingathering. The annual report will show that nearly one hundred have begun the Christian life, and the fruit is largely hand-picked. Not many pastors in Methodism, having so large a church, know all their people so thoroughly as Rev. Dr. J. W. Magruder. No business man in the city plans his work with more care, or executes it more faithfully, than the pastor of Chestnut Street Church. Honorable mention should also be made of Mrs. Magruder, who stands so loyally by the side of her husband in his work. The pastor has the co-operation of a strong, manly official board and a hearty, evangelistic church.

Portland, Congress St. — This church has had a good year. The spiritual tide has been running strongly. Forty conversions are reported. Large congregations attend all the services. The Sunday-school has averaged 278 — 25 better than last year. We expect an advance in the benevolences. The pastor's salary will be increased next year. Rev. C. W. Priddy and wife are doing excellent work.

Portland, Peak's Island. — Rev. D. R. Ford is closing his second year with the sincere love and hearty co-operation of a loyal church, while he is held in highest esteem by all the inhabitants of the island. His wife also shares the same appreciation. Mr. J. W. Frazer, one of God's choice men, superintendent of the Sunday-school, who met with a painful accident late in the fall, from which he barely escaped with his life, has recently taken his place in church work and in business. The people hail him with delight and feel like holding a thanksgiving day over his restoration. Rev. C. W. Blackman, one of our sweet-spirited superannuates, who has been in the Conference since 1858, lives here, and holds up his pastor's hands, teaching in the Sunday-school and attending all the services his health will allow, while the influence of his beautiful life falls upon the people like a benediction.

Saco. — Our church united with the Free Baptist society in a series of revival meetings under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Seed, of the Northern New York Conference, which continued for a month or more, and resulted in about sixty conversions, while a goodly number were led into the experience of perfect love. The pastor has received 25 on probation, and the interest in all the services is excellent. On a recent Sunday evening 125 testified for Christ. Rev. D. F. Faulkner, the pastor, is leading on the people to expect still greater things from God. Why should a revival cease because the evangelist goes away?

Old Orchard. — The pastor, Rev. F. A. Leitch, has had a long, enforced vacation on account of the grippe, which kept him out of his pulpit for six weeks or more. Rev. Ezekiah Chase, one of our live superannuates, supplied the pulpit nearly every Sunday. Several children have been converted, and a revival spirit has been manifested in the services. B. C. W.

Augusta District

Farmington. — We spent a recent Sabbath with this people, preaching here in the morning and at the Falls in the afternoon, and enjoying the evening with the pastor, Rev. J. A. Corey, and his people at the home church. Mrs. Corey is superintendent of the Junior League, and Miss Verna, aged fourteen, is the pianist in the Sunday-school, so the family is much in evidence and greatly loved in this church. Mr. Corey has been setting back-fires all winter — at Fairbanks, West Farmington, North Chesterville, New Vineyard road, and the Falls. A good religious interest prevails all over this large charge. At a recent meeting at Fairbanks, two young ladies gave themselves to God, and at the time of our visit, in the evening, five began the Christian life, one a mother, and four young people. During the year there have been several conversions, 6



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baptisms, and 6 taken on probation. A large number at the fourth quarterly conference asked, by a unanimous and rising vote, for the pastor's return for another year. The Epworth League is doing well; the Juniors number 30; the Cradle Roll is large; the Sunday-school is on the up-grade; and the pastor and people are happy.

Richmond. — Rev. R. A. Rich has been in labors abundant the entire year. The church has worked with him in a very harmonious way, and all are happy over the prospect of another year's service from him and his good wife. During the year the pastor has made 600 pastoral visits, and has seen ten souls saved. The church is growing stronger spiritually. At Christmas time Mr. Rich received a present of a fine gold watch, and Mrs. Rich had from her Sunday-school class a stand and jardiniere. Richmond Church has come into possession of \$1,200 cash by a donation of Mrs. Celina Underwood, of Massachusetts, who was formerly a member of this church, which, with other money, will be used in remodeling and repairing the church edifice. The Ladies' Aid has raised the past year \$231, and \$128 has been expended on the chapel. The Junior League, under the care of Miss Lillian Brown, has paid for an organ for use in their gatherings. The Sunday-school, which numbers 100, is flourishing; and so we may report concerning the other departments of the church. All the benevolences are well looked after, and all things are working together for good.

Bowdoinham. — Rev. C. H. Young is proving himself to be the right man in the right place, and so said the quarterly conference when, at the last and recent meeting, it voted unanimously, by rising vote, for him to stay with the church another year. During the year Mr. Young has seen on his charge 20 conversions, baptized 5, and received 5 in full. The Sunday-school is healthy and growing, with a very efficient superintendent in the person of W. D. Hutchens. The church has, after two years since the death of Miss Elizabeth Purinton, by her will come into the possession of a house and lot near the church for a parsonage, also a sum of money; and with this and the proceeds from the sale of the old parsonage, the new addition will in the near future be put into readiness for the preacher another year. We shall be ready to congratulate the pastor and his

family when they move into the renovated gift of Miss Purinton, for it is sadly needed. Mr. Young has worked very hard during the year, and has seen some fruit for his labor. His out-appointments have shown considerable interest, and the church at Bowdoinham is much in advance of what it was when he came here. During the year considerable has been expended in rebuilding a part of the wall in the basement, painting the church, etc.

Gardiner. — Here the Maine Conference will convene, April 12, and all things will be in readiness for it. Rev. N. R. Joselyn, the pastor, hustles around and pushes to the front the enterprises connected with his church. Improvements amounting to \$525 have been made on church property during the year, all of which is paid. Church bills will all be paid by Conference time. The Epworth League has raised and paid on the beautifying of the Epworth League room, \$75. The pastor reports 24 conversions, 28 baptisms, 32 received on probation, and 40 received in full during the year. All are looking forward to a glorious Conference, and are working to that end. It has been a successful year with this church, and everything is in first-class condition. The officials, membership and congregation expect Mr. Joselyn to be returned.

Augusta. — Rev. H. E. Dunnack is pastor. This church has had a hard financial strain the past year: A new organ, costing \$2,200; remodeling chancel, \$100; changing lighting system, \$20; outside windows for parsonage, \$50 — all of which, with current expenses, makes the outlay very large for this church; but everything will be cleaned up by Conference, and the benevolent moneys will be quite up to last year. The Ladies' Aid Society has put into its treasury during the year \$500; the Susanna Wesley raised \$100; and the pastor has seen to it that all strings have been drawing toward the church treasury. The pastor reports 18 conversions, 12 received on probation, 10 baptized, and 15 received in full. The kindergarten has a membership of 25, and the Cradle Roll, 30. Every department is in a prosperous condition. It is the earnest request of the people that Mr. Dunnack remain the sixth year.

Waterville. — Here we find Rev. Charles W. Bradlee pastor of the Pleasant St. Church. This pastor is too well known in Maine to need any introduction, and too much enjoyed in

Waterville, especially by his own church people, to expect anything else but a return for another year. Our work for the year closed with holding the fourth quarterly conference with this church, and was a splendid sample of all we have held, for there has not been any friction in the quarterly conferences of the past twelve months. Here is a strong quarterly conference, and the reports were cheerful and inspiring. The Sunday-school is one of the best; the Epworth League numbers 61; the Ladies' Aid raised \$200; the kindergarten is large and prosperous; improvements on church and parsonage amounted to \$492; a number of conversions occurred during the year; 6 have been received in full; the class-leaders reported a good attendance; benevolences are well in hand. C. A. S.

Lewiston District

Norway. — "Hands off!" is the word here. A larger charge has been interviewing Rev. C. A. Brooks. But it is no use, there are yet some consecrated pastors who are more eager for souls than for salaries. Finances are well up because spirituality is well up. Class-meetings are largely attended, and as many as fifty come out to a cottage meeting. The Epworth League is putting the vestry in fine shape. Mrs. Brooks superintends the Junior League, and it is one of the best. We suppose no other charge in the Conference has so large and efficient a number of local preachers.

South Paris. — This church is well organized, finely equipped, and thoroughly harmonious. Rev. A. W. Pottle left the charge in fine condition, and under the able, earnest and tactful administration of Rev. H. A. Clifford things have moved on finely. The net gain in membership has been encouraging. The Sunday-school has done finely under the superintendency of Dr. Buck. Finances are up to date. Mr. Clifford's return was unanimously requested, and one official spoke right out in meeting and said: "We would like to have Mrs. Clifford come, too." No doubt! The Ladies' Circle has raised \$135 during the year. A. S. L.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE

Rockland District

Searsport. — Rev. C. F. Beebe continues to hold a large place in the esteem and affection of the people. Valuable special services were held early in the winter with the aid of Revs. A. L. Nutter, G. W. Bailey and H. I. Holt. The life of the church was quickened, and a number expressed a purpose to enter the Christian life. The Sunday-school at Searsport enjoys a promising life. That at Lincolnville Centre was suspended through the winter months. The class-meeting is an element of strength. The Ladies' Aid is an efficient helper; \$225 is held by this society in bank as a vestry fund. Father Fowler, one of our senior superannuates, is in excellent health, and more alive to all church interests than many a younger man. As we stand before one of these veterans we feel like saying: "O king, live forever!"

Unity and Troy. — Our most aged member and strongest supporter has been called to the long home — Mr. Charles Faylor, who will be greatly missed by church and community. He had been a leading business man and member of the church for many years. The church work is in as good condition as could be expected. Rev. C. W. Ross, the pastor, has suffered from grippe a large part of the winter. The deep snows and intensely cold weather have had an effect to hinder churchly prosperity, but congregations have been encouraging when weather conditions have permitted.

Dixmont Circuit. — As it seems to be fashionable to speak of some personal experiences, we may be permitted to say that here we took the single track elevated road. The elevation was from two feet to ten feet above mother earth. The material of construction? Snow, nothing but snow, sir! The grade? Beautiful — for the unfolding of all the Christian graces. Any one, who after riding over these roads is not sweeter, and stronger, and cooler, ought to seek the "mourners' bench." No serious difficulty, if all the traveling natives would only go your way! Otherwise, one or the other must seek mother earth unless a siding is handy. Why don't they break the roads? That's easily said; but when Boreas makes a territory a dumping-ground for all his surplus product, 'tis no easy work to keep the way clear. So found one of

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those Standard Oil-supply-tank men. He tipped his machine over twice, then floundered his four horses, and had to give it up, in going half a mile after he mounted the elevated. It took him, with the aid of three men, four hours to get on the track and go on his way rejoicing. But we were about to speak of Dixmont Circuit. Well, Rev. Ernest Smith, who has been supplying from Bangor, is highly esteemed, and has served faithfully under most inconvenient circumstances. We hope Mr. Smith will feel that he can take the work another year. But it makes very hard work for him.

Pittsfield Circuit. — Rev. George H. Hamilton, who has had this charge since the appointment of Rev. A. E. Morris to Thomaston, has gotten the work well in hand, and the outlook is excellent. A combination hot-air and hot-water plant has been placed in the splendid new parsonage, which puts to flight Jack Frost in his most vicious attempts to take possession. We hope to see electricity installed for lighting soon. This would leave nothing to be desired in this new parsonage home.

Hartland and St. Albans. — Sick with the grippe, but improving, we found Rev. W. C. Baker. Also Mrs. Baker, who seldom will give up, has had to yield, and the children have been down. Thus the pastor has been somewhat hindered, and yet has urged on his work with many tokens of success. Special services have been held, with aid by Revs. A. E. Luce, of Clinton, and G. H. Hamilton, of Pittsfield. The church has been thoroughly painted and outwardly beautified by the T. W. Linn Woolen Co. Mr. Baker is closing his first year with many encouragements among the people of church and congregation.

Athens and Harmony. — Rev. L. G. March has "clover spots" — large ones — on his field. This charge has secured two parsonages during the year — a new one built at Harmony, and at Athens an excellent house purchased. The pastor lives at Athens. The charge will be divided next year. A fine work has been accomplished. At Athens 20 have been received on probation as a result of the fall campaign, and 5 have been received by letter; a young people's society has been organized; the Sunday-school has been revived; a Cradle Roll and a Home Department have been established, with good results. At Harmony special services conducted by Evangelist Jackson were helpful to the quickening of the church; several began the new life at Main Stream; Disciplines have been sold; probationers' hand-books have been distributed; new singing-books and new lamps have been obtained; and ZION'S HERALD list has been increased by an inspiring multiplication. At Main Stream a new stove for the church has been purchased, and now repairing the church — our only church property on the charge — is being agitated.

Clinton and Benton. — The pastor's report indicated a good life in the church. Several have been added to the membership. Rev. A.

E. Luce and wife were kindly remembered at Christmas time. The pastor rejoices in a new fur coat that might cause envious people to cry out — a sign of his people's good feeling toward him. Several have been added to the church. The church and vestries have been splendidly furnished with electric lights. Class-meetings are good. The Epworth League at Benton is alive and growing. The Ladies' Aid has been reorganized, and is beginning new life with vigor; \$30 have been raised. New social song books have been purchased for use in public worship. The church at Clinton has been the recipient of \$600 by bequest of money and land, quite recently.

China. — The quarterly conference was held with Rev. Elias Wixon and wife. This aged and deeply respected couple have been unable to get out much through the winter months. Mr. Wixon is the oldest of our local preachers. The class-meetings are held at his home. The Sunday-school is kept alive by the vigorous leadership of Mr. A. N. Goodwin, and a small corps of teachers. The Ladies' Aid is still in evidence. Since January this charge has been supplied by W. L. Sizer, a local preacher, who came to us from Windsor Locks in the New York East Conference. China should flourish even without an ordained pastor, for there are three local preachers — and there is "nothing against" either one of them.

North and East Vassalboro. — Rev. R. A. Colpitts and his people had planned for a large company, a good supper, a good time, and a full quarterly conference; and every part of the program was carried out to the letter. After it all the elder felt like saying: "Call again, Brother Allen" — supper in the vestry (just a free-and-easy, make-yourself-at-home occasion), "after dinner" speeches and a social time, followed by quarterly conference upstairs. The East came over in force, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." Church life is booming, congregations are largely increased, and young people are coming in. There have been losses by removals, but new families are replacing them. In ZION'S HERALD list 400 per cent. increase is reported, and the original list was not one either! The Ladies' Aids, North and East, are doing fine work; they have raised \$200. The Junior League is a success under the skillful management of Mrs. Colpitts. It is hoped that Mr. Colpitts will remain in East Maine another year, at least.

Randolph and Chelsea. — There have been some losses by death. Special services, which were held with aid from Rev. Messrs. Harris and Johonnett, were helpful. Benevolences are being gathered in encouraging sums. The Ladies' Aid is doing good work. The class-meeting is kept alive, and tells for the spiritual life of the church. The parsonage is to be painted inside before Conference. Rev. C. W. Lowell and wife are held in great respect.

Windsor Circuit. — If appointing a man for pastor were all that was needed, Windsor

would have had four pastors this year. But the appointments did not localise—two from Massachusetts, one from Pennsylvania, and one from Maine. We hope to land a man in Windsor when Conference gets here. Here is a splendid opportunity for a man who is not afraid to work. If he belongs to the E Z class, he might find himself in the fraternity of those who "do not eat." This, too, would be apostolic! This excellent people want a preacher, a pastor, a neighborly man, a friend, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. There is a pleasant location, a pleasant parsonage, a pleasant garden-spot, a pleasant community, and enough work to keep the body from rusting and the mind bright. T. F. J.

Bucksport District

Odds and Ends.—Rev. J. W. Hatch, of Belfast, received 95 on probation, March 19, and will gather a few more before Conference.

A break has come, in the disposition not to join the church, at Millbridge. Rev. T. J. Deinhardt baptized 17 and received 20 to membership, at the Cove, March 19.

Rev. T. W. Fessenden, of Castine, has been asked to accept the pastorate of Grace Church, Bangor, and has accepted, subject to the proper authorities.

FRANK LESLIE.

N. E. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Providence District

North Attleboro.—The First Methodist Episcopal Church of this place has just completed the celebration of its first anniversary. On Monday evening, March 20, the vestry was all too small to accommodate the large gathering of both old and young who came to celebrate the very successful year just closed. The experimental stage having been thus safely passed the occasion assumed the form of a festival, and will be long remembered. An interesting and varied program was enjoyed, after which refreshments were served. The different departments of the church work were represented by the various officers, led by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Annas. The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. J. O. Randall, of Attleboro, who brought a message of joyous congratulation and bright prophecy for the future of this church. On Thursday evening a "roll-call service" was held, and on Sunday, March 26, in the morning, Principal Horton of East Greenwich Academy preached, and in the evening Presiding Elder Coultas.

The story of the founding and recent growth of this church, in brief, is as follows: The Free Evangelical Church of this place, after spending nearly fifty years as an independent organization, found itself seriously embarrassed by reason of its isolation and because of serious internal conditions which threatened its existence as an independent society. Under these circumstances it seemed best to affiliate with some denominational body. Accordingly it was voted to apply to the New England Southern Conference for admission to the Methodist Episcopal Church. A reorganization in this form was effected, March 20, 1904, and at the ensuing session of the Annual Conference this place was entered in the list of appointments and a pastor stationed here. It was a decided novelty to this people to have a pastor sent whom they had never seen, and in whose selection they had no part. They watched eagerly the reports of Conference doings until the appointments were announced, and then learned that Rev. John Wesley Annas was to be their first pastor as a Methodist Episcopal Church. Upon his arrival he received a most cordial welcome. The presiding elder had promised to send the best man for the place, and he has surely fulfilled his promise. It is interesting to note that at Christmas time the pastor found among the many gifts from the people a handsome gold watch and chain in testimony of their ap-

preciation and regard. The new society was obliged to begin with very small membership, since many members of the old organization chose to wait until the success of the new enterprise was assured; but gradually, all through the year, they have been finding their way into the membership of the new church, and, much more easily than they had expected, they find themselves conforming to the ways of Methodism. They are now united and happy, and it would be difficult to find more enthusiastic or loyal Methodists anywhere. During the year the church has overcome many obstacles that confronted it. The obligations of the old organization have been all assumed by the new society and heroically met, and the new rule is to "pay as it goes." All lines of church work are now well organized. The Sunday-school has increased more than 50 per cent. during the year; the Cradle Roll and Home Department have been added. The Epworth League, with a mission study class, has been organized. From the start a rising tide of hope, courage and good cheer has been evident. Peace and harmony prevail, and faith is expectant. In this spirit pastor and people are facing the future.

Hebronville.—Rev. William Kirkby is invited unanimously to return another year.

Newport, First Church.—Miss Danforth's visit and work in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society produced some happy results. A very large audience greeted her on Tuesday evening, March 14. Several new members were added, and the offering was over \$20. Mrs. Banning, the president, entered into the work of preparation for the visit with great enthusiasm and success. The Woman's Home Missionary Society will show excellent returns for their work this year. At a recent public Sunday evening service Miss Titcomb presided, and represented the work in a very attractive address. A large offering was taken. March 26 was "Missionary Day" in the Sunday-school. The superintendent, Hon. J. W. Horton, in a brief address, called the attention of the school to the fact that during the thirty-six years of his superintendency the school had averaged \$200 per year for missions. The total is something over \$8,000 for that period. The attendance was 165; the average for January was 150. During the present Conference year 10 persons have been added to the church membership. The deaths represent the only losses, and were as follows: Benjamin W. Pearce, aged 85; Marcy G. Wilson, aged 86; Margaret W. Stoddard, aged 85; Sallie W. Barker, aged 81; and John W. Bachellor, aged 67. These had been noteworthy Christians, and died in peace. KARL.

Woonsocket.—This church had an unusually good year in all lines of work. Considerable interest has been manifested in the revival services, and new members have been added to the church each month. The Sunday-school is prospering financially as well as numerically, for a debt of \$100 has been wiped out, and there is a balance in the treasury. The Epworth League has had remarkably fine programs at the ten monthly meetings; the object has been to develop the intellectual side of the character as well as the social, while the religious interest shows a distinct awakening. Lectures and addresses have been given by outside speakers, essays and papers have been prepared by the members, and unique social entertainments provided. The various missionary societies are prospering. The W. H. M. S. has regular programs furnished by the 40 members. At the silver anniversary \$25 were raised and two barrels have been packed and sent away, one to a minister in Oklahoma with a check for \$10 and one to Mather Academy, Camden, S. C. The W. F. M. S. is studying "Dux Christus," and when Miss Danforth spoke for them, March 12, a \$30 thank-offering was raised. The Standard Bearers, numbering 30 members, are enjoying their study of Japan from "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," and are packing a box to be sent to a school in China. The church membership appreciate the untiring efforts of the pastor, Rev. F. H. Spear, to secure a new church edifice. C. E. J.

Brookton and Vicinity

Pearl St.—Rev. G. E. Mossman, the pastor, was pleasantly remembered on his 34th birthday by a most generous pound party. It has been a year of improvements in all depart-



ments. March 5, 4 were received as probationers.

North Easton.—The pastor of this church, Rev. P. M. Vinton, has been invited back for the sixth year, and expects to return. Dr. Bates' "day of prayer," March 14, was an inspiration. Recently, 15 have been received as probationers.

South St.—At the communion service, April 2, 4 were received on probation. The Sunday-school is still increasing. A young men's praying band has been formed. There is a good work being done here at cottage prayer-meetings. Rev. S. E. Ellis is pastor.

Franklin Church.—The pastor, Rev. R. M. Wilkins, has formed fifteen of his Junior League into a regular Methodist class-meeting. A praying band has been organized among the young men, and a similar organization among the young ladies is contemplated. March 5, 9 were received on probation. There is talk of building a chapel for the mission at Cary's Hill. The pastor has a unanimous invitation to remain with this flourishing church. April 2, 2 were received on probation, 2 by certificate, 2 from probation, and 1 was baptized. Mr. Bumpus, secretary of Boys' Work in the Y. M. C. A. of New Bedford, recently addressed the Epworth League, and Mr. Raymond Noon, of Everett, also has recently addressed the congregation upon "Boys' Work."

Central Church.—This church has been the chief rallying place for the union revival services. For weeks a Saturday morning prayer-meeting for the city pastors has been held in the committee-room. A great work has been done. At the memorial services for the unidentified dead of the R. B. Grover & Co. fire, Rev. J. S. Wadsworth, the pastor of Central Church, took part in the exercises in the City Theatre. It was an unusually impressive sight to see the Catholic and Protestant clergy united in a funeral service. Father Snow, a venerable member of this church, was among the victims of the fire. All of our Brookton churches were greatly bereaved, especially Central and South St. The pastors have been true ministers of consolation.

There is a promising Italian mission under Mr. Wadsworth's charge. March 5, 4 were received on probation. Since March 5, 7 have been received into full membership and 17 on probation.

Dr. A. C. Dixon, of Boston, is to conduct union evangelistic meetings at the Y. M. C. A., April 5, 6, and 7.

Rockland, Hatherly Church.—The converts of last summer are doing well. Rev. Mr. Fornear, who supplied the pulpit during the absence abroad of the pastor, Rev. Otis H. Green, greatly endeared himself to the people.

Middleboro.—Rev. O. E. Johnson received 13 upon probation, March 5. Two were received by certificate from the Episcopal Church. In the evening the pastor gave an impressive address on "Drunkards and Drunkard-Making." There is a deepening religious interest throughout the town, and plans for union meetings have been made. Finances are in first-class shape at Middleboro. The outlook every way is encouraging.

Bridgewater.—The singers of this church, with the help of outside friends, gave the cantata, "The Story of Jesus," March 22, in Odd Fellows Hall. March 6, the circuit meeting of the Epworth Leagues of Brookton and vicinity was held with our Bridgewater League. An interesting musical program was given and refreshments served. Rev. G. E. Mossman, of Pearl St., Brookton, gave the address of the evening. No one went to sleep. Every one was stirred to a nobler consecration. The following officers were elected for the ensuing

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year: President, G. W. Anderson; vice-presidents, A. Frank Bigney, Edgar Beals, Mrs. L. E. Skilling, Harold Lowe, Fred Osborne. The pastor at Bridgewater, Rev. L. B. Coddling, is closing a successful two years' pastorate, and has been unanimously invited to return for a third year. L. B. C.

Norwich District

Vernon.—The close of Rev. James Tregaskis' very successful pastorate of two years over this church was celebrated with a mortgage-burning jubilee on March 31. The service was very impressive, and the event marked an epoch in the history of the little church, which is now free from debt. The mortgage note was for \$500, and the pastor and people have worked heroically for the accomplishment of the results attained. Mr. John S. Risley, chairman of the board of trustees, gave a very interesting historical address, and Presiding Elder Bartbolomew congratulated the church, and emphasized the very commendable work of the Ladies' Aid Societies in the different churches throughout the district. Mr. Tregaskis has labored hard for the prosperity of the church, and his labors have been crowned with very gratifying success. The membership of church and Sunday-school has steadily increased. The building has recently been painted on the outside. An excellent opportunity will face the new pastor to carry forward the work so well begun.

Putnam.—Rev. Jacob Betts is closing a pastorate of eight years in Putnam, and reports the last year as the best of all. He and his wife have greatly endeared themselves to the people, and the decision of the pastor to seek a new field has caused a feeling of wide-spread regret throughout the community. A new church and parsonage (second to none on the district for comfort and convenience) stand as the enduring monuments of the successful work accomplished. The property is nearly all paid for, and what is still due is provided for in good reliable subscriptions. The Epworth League has recently purchased a piano for which they have become responsible, and it meets a long-felt necessity in the equipment of the church for its work. At the April communion the pastor received 3 persons on probation, and 1 to membership by letter. He also baptized 2 adults and 1 infant.

East Woodstock.—The nine-year pastorate of Rev. O. E. Thayer is to close with the present Conference. It has been crowned with many tokens of the Divine favor, and though many of the "little flock" have been called up higher, there still remain a faithful few who have given the pastor their hearty support, and contributed to the success and pleasure of his extended pastorate, which they greatly regret to have closed. SCRIPTUM.

New Bedford District

New Bedford, Pleasant St.—About 120 of the parishioners of Rev. G. H. Bates met, on the evening of April 1, at the parsonage and presented their pastor and wife a silver tea-service of five pieces and a loving-cup suitably inscribed. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Margaret Livesley. This was followed by a pleasing entertainment. A reception will be tendered the pastor and wife at the vestry of the church on the evening of April 6 by the whole congregation. Pastor Bates was also presented with a gold past commander's badge by Capt. Rodman of R. A. Pierce Post 190, G. A. R., on behalf of members of that post, on Monday evening, April 3. The meeting was held for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity of saying good-by to Comrade Bates. About 150 were present, among them six of the same company of the regiment of which Mr. Bates was a member. The speech-making and the singing of old war-songs made the gathering a memorable occasion.

New Bedford, Allen St.—On April 2, the pastor, Rev. Louis M. Flocken, had a unique experience in that he baptized 11 children belonging to one family. The oldest was seventeen years of age, the youngest about two months. The mother joined the church about three years ago, and the two oldest daughters were converted at the recent revival services.

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Fall River, Quarry St.—Some thirty members of the Ladies' Helping Hand Society of this church recently made a surprise visit upon the pastor's wife, Mrs. E. J. Ayres. The afternoon was spent socially, and light refreshments were served, after which a set of solid silver spoons was presented to Mrs. Ayres as a token of their appreciation.

Fall River, St. Paul's.—At the April communion a greater number took part in the holy communion than have done so for many years. One person was received by letter, 2 from probation, 4 were baptized, and 14 united with the church on probation. Steady progress and almost monthly increase in membership has taken place during the four years' pastorate of Dr. M. S. Kaufman, a partial record being: 50 children and 75 adults baptized; 212 members received; losses by death and removals, 48; a net increase of 164. At present there are 484 full members and 41 probationers. All departments of church work are finely organized and in good working order. An old debt of \$6,000 has been paid, and the finances are in excellent condition, while the relations between pastor and people have been most cordial. Very complimentary resolutions were recently passed by the official board, expressing their hearty appreciation of the "excellent, untiring and devoted service of their greatly beloved pastor, Rev. Matthias S. Kaufman." The board also acknowledged their very great obligation to Mrs. Kaufman, to whose uninterrupted devotion and wonderful energy very much of the success of the church during the past four years has been due.

Yarmouth Camp-meeting.—The board of managers of the Yarmouth Camp meeting Association met at the Grove House on the Camp ground, March 22, and were cordially welcomed by the keeper, Rev. C. H. Walter, and his estimable wife. A literal "all-day meeting" was held, in which plans were made which, it is believed, will result in a permanent gain to the camp-meeting. One of the most encouraging features was the presence of nearly all the members of the board, and their intense interest in every detail discussed. A committee consisting of Rev. H. W. Brown, of Whitman, Rev. F. L. Brooks and Mr. Ezra Perry, of Bourne, was chosen to devise means by which the Association may be permanently freed from debt. On account of the reputation of this committee, no fears need be felt concerning the consummation of any of its plans. By one method suggested \$400 was quickly pledged by the members of the board. The time for the camp meeting was fixed for Aug. 7-14. Let all the churches on the district make a special effort to be represented at the meeting this year.

MELIOR.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE

Concord District

Suncook.—Rev. A. L. Smith has been abundantly blessed in this charge, and has proven a man well fitted for the situation. It will be remembered that he was appointed here last fall when Rev. Roscoe Sanderson was made a presiding elder by Bishop Fowler. He has put in a winter of hard work. Especially have efforts been expended along evangelistic lines, and excellent results have followed. April 2 was a great day with the church, as the fruit of these services was gathered in: 18 were received into the church—15 of these on probation, 2 from probation, and 1 by letter. Two children not included in the above number, and 8 adults, were baptized. Of the latter six were immersed in the church baptistery. One of those who were received is a prominent professional man, well known and highly respected in this part of the State. To say that the church is highly encouraged is, of course, merely to state the fact in the case. Previous to this Sabbath, Mr.

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CHURCH REGISTER

Conference	Place	Time	Bishop
Troy,	Saratoga,	" 12,	Warren
Maine,	Gardiner,	" 12,	Fowler
New Hampshire,	Claremont,	" 12,	Goodsell
N. E. Southern,	New London,	" 12,	Hamilton
East Maine,	Bangor,	" 19,	Goodsell
Vermont,	Enosburg Falls,	" 19,	Moore

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HIGH PRESSURE DAYS

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Marriages

BROWN—PARKER.—At Sanford, Me., April 6, by Rev. Alex. Hamilton, Alfred P. Brown and Rose M. Parker, both of Sanford.

MILES—ATWOOD.—At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Orrington Centre, Me., April 1, by Rev. S. O. Young, Frank B. Miles and Ethel M. Atwood, both of Orrington.

EICHELL—PEASE.—In Swanton, Vt., April 4, by Rev. A. W. Ford of West Berkshire, Wm. W. Eichell, of Jamaica, N. Y., and Carrie E. Pease, of Swanton.

BROWN—GRANT.—In Smyrna, Me., March 22, by Rev. A. P. Thompson, Harry Everett Brown and Cecil C. Grant, both of Bangor, Me.

MCDONALD—KIMBALL.—In Saco, Me., March 29, by Rev. D. F. Faulkner, George W. McDonald and Beulah Nellie Kimball, both of Saco.

VAIL—PASCAL.—In Gorham, N. H., March 28, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, by Rev. E. W. Kennison, Rupert Henry Vail, of Gorham, N. H., and Grace Marion Pascal, of Jefferson, N. H.

Death

LATIMER.—At Gale's Ferry, Conn., March 28, Richard R. Latimer, for many years a subscriber to Zion's Herald.

W. H. M. S.—The anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Vermont Conference is to be held Saturday, April 22, instead of April 8, as I stated in the last issue of the HERALD.

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OBITUARIES

So the long, sad life is ended,
Do not weep.
Do not grudge the weary eyelids
Balm of sleep.

Hush! and do not wish to wake her
From her rest.
Freer now than you could make her,
This is best.

Do not fret so at her stillness.
Long and rough
Was her pathway. Hath she known not
Toll enough?

Pale lips, hands forever folded;
This is all.
Vex her soul not with the anguish
Of your call.

Do not press her brow with kisses.
What avail
Is to her your lavish loving?
Did you fail

In the years when love could cheer her?
Do not weep.
If you helped thus once to pain her,
Let her sleep.

Far beyond now all your loving
Or your hate,
Vain to mourn your dearth of kindness.
It is late.

All your error, all her grieving,
Who can tell?
Drop the burden of your sorrow,
All is well.

— LUELLA CLARK, in "April Days."

Malcom. — Mrs. Mary Malcom, daughter of Joseph and Alice (Cross) Weed, was born at Saxton's River, Vt., Nov. 16, 1818, and died at St. Albans, Vt., Dec. 26, 1904, after a short illness, at the advanced age of 86 years.

Her special educational privileges included an attendance at the Quaker School in Newport, R. I., and later at Mrs. Fletcher's Ladies' School at Chester, Vt. She was converted at fourteen years of age, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Miss Weed was first married, in 1836, to Rev. John H. Piper, of the Illinois Conference, and went first to Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. Piper's associates in the Conference at that time were Peter Cartwright, D. D., Peter Akers, D. D., Chauncey Hobart, and others of like character. Mr. Piper died at Barre, Ill., in 1844, leaving three children to the care of the mother, all of whom survive her, namely: W. F. Piper, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. S. A. Dow, of Haverhill, Mass.; and Mrs. M. P. Blaisdell, of St. Albans, Vt. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Piper returned to Vermont, and made her home at Newbury with her mother, Mrs. Alice Fisk, who was then a widow for the second time.

In 1850 Mrs. Piper married Rev. William D. Malcom, of the Vermont Conference, and they went to Craftsbury for their first appointment. During the forty-five years of itinerant service that followed, they occupied some of the most important appointments in the Conference, including nine years in the presiding elder's office; and in all these positions Mrs. Malcom was a wise and helpful associate of her husband in the work. Her many excellent qualities of mind and heart especially fitted her for the various positions she was called to fill. She was never found wanting in the work assigned her.

From the time of her conversion her religious life was cheerful and happy, and by steadfast faith and faithful service for the Master she attained unto great maturity of Christian character, bringing forth fruit unto holiness. She

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left the savor of a consecrated Christian life wherever she lived and labored. She was intelligent and well informed in regard to the general work of the church, and was especially interested in the missionary cause. She heartily identified herself with the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, and gave efficient help to these interests as long as health and strength permitted. She was also much interested in the religious life of children, and held special services for them on the charges where she lived and at camp-meeting.

Mrs. Malcom's large interest in the general work of the church was never allowed to detract from the duties of her home life. She was a devoted wife and a loving and faithful mother. Five children were born of this marriage, only one of whom survives the mother — Mrs. Adorna M. Clarke, of St. Albans. Two died in Alburgh, and two in St. Albans, while the family occupied the district parsonage. Most of the time since her husband retired from the active work of the ministry the home of the family has been in St. Albans. With advancing years came increasing infirmities, until Mrs. Malcom was unable to attend to all requirements of her home, when her daughter, Mrs. Clarke, assumed the care of the household, and lovingly and faithfully ministered to the wants of her mother till the end came. Her last days were like her life — quiet, trustful, triumphant. She was often heard repeating precious passages of Scripture and familiar hymns. She was fully conscious of the coming end, and finally went peacefully to rest.

Funeral services were held at the home on Thursday, Dec. 29, in charge of the writer of this notice, assisted by Revs. W. S. Smithers, S. Donaldson, and C. P. Taplin. These services partook of the character of the triumphant faith of the deceased. Her remains rest in the cemetery at St. Albans.

Her husband, in growing feebleness, awaits the summons that shall call him to join his beloved companion and children in the city of the Great King.

A. L. COOPER.

Miller. — William H. Miller was born in Yarmouth, N. S., in 1822, and died in Somerville, Feb. 17, 1905.

His father, John Stevenson Miller, a graduate of Edinburgh University, came from Scotland early in the nineteenth century, and in his new home followed the profession of teacher of languages, and also won recognition as an expert chemist. In the early youth of Mr. Miller the family moved from Nova Scotia to Boston, and the boy was sent to school at the academy in Framingham. His interest in Methodism began at Eastham, where, with other young men, he had gone for a week's shooting. A camp-meeting was in progress, and as he left home young Miller promised his brother that he would attend at least one service. Thinking to get a disagreeable duty out of the way as soon as possible, he went to a meeting on the first day after his arrival on the grounds. Rev. Howard C. Dunham (now living at Winthrop) was conducting the services, and the earnestness of the preacher so impressed the youth of nineteen that he there and then consecrated himself to a religious life, and this life he continued to enjoy through the remaining sixty-four years of his stay in the world. One incident of his conversion Mr. Miller enjoyed relating. Like Zaccheus of old, he was short of stature, and when called upon to give testimony of his experience he jumped up on a box near at hand that he might be seen and heard. This sort of enthusiasm characterized his whole religious life.

On returning to his home he associated himself with the D Street Methodist Church in South Boston, and made his life a power for good in all the services of the church. It was during his membership here that he was united in marriage with Miss Caroline F. Crowell, May 8, 1843. For sixty-one years the home life of this happy couple was almost ideal. In his last years he found peculiar delight in speaking the praises of the good wife God had given to him. Mr. Miller was one of six devoted men who took upon themselves the burden of building the Dorchester St. Church, which flourished for a good many years. His connection with Harvard St. Church, Cambridge, and his twenty-three years of devoted service in the Medford Church, are remembered with gratitude by all who were associated with him in church work. As a class-leader he was a great power, and his

love for the class-meeting was manifest up to the close of his life. In the First Church, Somerville, in whose membership he closed his life, Mr. Miller was greatly beloved by old and young. His prayers and testimonies are often referred to in the public services. He was at the early prayer service, Sunday morning, Feb. 12, and was an eager listener to the sermon in the service following. On Friday, the 17th, God took him.

The companion of his long and happy married life is eagerly waiting for the call to resume the precious companionship which for a little time has been interrupted.

GEORGE SKENE.

Oakes. — Mrs. Almira Jane (Daggett) Oakes, in her 68th year, passed to her mansion above, Feb. 15, 1905.

She was born in Bangor, Maine, and most of her life was passed there, where a host of friends cherish her memory. She possessed in a great degree that rare quality of helpfulness and sympathy for every one in trouble, and carried out in practice the virtue of self-sacrifice. She became a member of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Bangor, when about fifteen, and her interest in the church never abated, though she was unable during the last years of her life to regularly attend the services.

During the nine months of sickness, when recovery from the first seemed doubtful, she showed no fear of death, but calmly talked with her two sisters, who were caring for her, of the loved ones she should meet above.

Her funeral was attended by Rev. W. W. Ogier, as her pastor was ill.

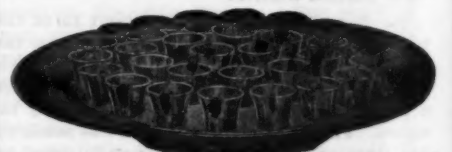
D.

Curtis. — Annie Handley Bailey was born in Lincolnshire, England, June 4, 1862, and died in Stockville, Neb., Feb. 25, 1905.

Her parents came to Worcester, Mass., in 1864, where she grew into womanhood. She went to Frontier County, Nebraska, in 1885. She was untiring in her devotion to parents and brothers. Even when the shadow of death was hovering over her, she expressed the hope of being able soon to go and minister to her mother, who is lying ill at this time, and with her aged husband mourns at home the loss of their only daughter.

She was married to Theodore D. Curtis, Nov. 25, 1897. She was devoted to her home and family, a patient, cheerful, affectionate wife and mother, steadfast and serene, always disposed to make the best of every circumstance in life.

Her early religious training was in the Episcopal Church, and she never ceased to love its beautiful ceremonies and ritualistic services. She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Stockville in 1896, and has been a consistent and devoted member. In her reli-



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gious life she was quiet and undemonstrative, but manifested a Christlike spirit in her everyday conduct. Though clinging to life with marvelous courage and will-power, she went forth to meet her God with the calm trust of a soul at perfect peace.

The services were held, Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Stockville, being conducted by Rev. W. E. Uncapher, who took for his text Rev. 14: 13. Interment was made in the Arbor Cemetery at Stockville.

C.

Parmenter.—Mrs. Cella Baker Parmenter, tenth and youngest child of Rev. Charles and Hannah Baker, of blessed memory, and wife of William H. Parmenter, died at her home in Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 14, 1905, two days before she completed her 64th year. She was born in East Pittston, Maine, Feb. 16, 1841, her father being at that time presiding elder of Gardiner District.

She was endowed with unusual comeliness of person and rare loveliness of disposition. "Mother" Baker, with so many little charges to nurture, was accustomed to give away the younger ones as they appeared on the scene to one of their elder brothers or sisters to care for, and when Cella came she was given to a sister ten years her senior, who cannot remember that in all the sixty-four years of the junior's life there ever arose a serious difference between them.

At a very early age Cella joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a consistent member till her death. She possessed a great love for music, and had a fine voice for singing. These gifts, well cultivated for those days, were freely placed at the service of the church, and were especially useful in that service during the organization by her father of the First Methodist Church in Somerville.

May 6, 1860, the subject of our sketch was married to Mr. William H. Parmenter, then of Troy, N. Y., in which city the young couple resided until "Father" Baker's death in 1864, when they removed to Somerville to make a home for Mrs. Baker. From 1869 to the present time they have been members of the Harvard Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Cambridge, Mr. Parmenter being now and for many years a class-leader in that church.

From the time of her marriage Mrs. Parmenter devoted herself to the care of her household. Trained by her excellent mother in domestic economy, she was an orderly and neat house-keeper, an accomplished seamstress, an excellent cook, a wise manager. Never very robust in health, she accomplished an immense amount of work. She loved the best things for herself and her children, and obstacles which would have daunted an apparently much stronger nature seemed to her hardly to exist. So indomitable and enterprising a spirit in so frail a body is seldom seen. Even her mother, a woman of rare energy, wondered at what the daughter by wise planning and incessant industry accomplished in the way of rearing and educating her children.

For the last years of her life she suffered from rheumatism and other infirmities brought on by her excessive labors, and was confined to her house, and much of the time to her bed or chair, but she was always patient, hopeful, industrious, and loved to live. Two or three weeks before her death erysipelas developed. It was checked, but neuralgia in her limbs set in, and she suffered exquisite agony until her vital force was exhausted. In the arms of her son, who had left his business to watch over her day and night, she passed away unconsciously, and joined the loved ones waiting for her on the other side. She leaves her husband, three daughters, and a son to mourn the loss of one of the truest and best of wives and mothers. She was buried in Mount Auburn beside the graves of her father and mother and of her two little girls who died in infancy. Happy indeed in her release from pain and the limitations of the flesh, she has entered into that blessedness for which her life had been a preparation. She lived for others. "She hath done what she could." She sleeps in Jesus.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor,

Rev. Raymond F. Holway, and attended by many loving friends, among them her nephew, Rev. Joseph E. Lyman, and her cousins, Rev. Orange Scott, Rev. S. E. Quimby, and Mr. Carl N. Quimby.

LAURA E. LYMAN.

Allen.—William M. Allen was born in Pelham, Mass., March 24, 1823, and died in Orange, Mass., Jan. 9, 1905.

April 14, 1844, he married Mehitable G. Allen, who died, Jan. 17, 1855. July 30, 1856, he took for his second wife Anna L. Bartlett, of Granby, who also died before him. He leaves two sons and two daughters—Edward M. and Frank A. Allen, of North Brookfield; Mrs. S. L. Underwood, of Orange; and Mrs. Nelson Gray, of East Sullivan, N. H.

"Father" Allen, as we called him, was converted in the days of his youth. For more than sixty years he was a zealous and loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North Brookfield. He had a rich, positive Christian experience. His testimonies in the prayer-meeting and class-meeting were an inspiration and blessing to many. He frequently began by saying: "This is a great and wonderful salvation." He came to the church as long as he was able, and many times when it was a great effort for him to do so. It could truly be said of him: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

The infirmities of old age weighed heavily upon him. He had a desire to depart and be with Christ. In the silence of the night death came suddenly, and Father Allen's desire was granted. From a world of sorrow and trials he passed into a world of joy and peace, from the infirmities of old age to eternal youth. "Servant of God, well done!"

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, North Brookfield, Rev. James Sutherland officiating, assisted by Rev. C. R. Sherman, pastor of the church.

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The Conferences

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Smith had received 2 members into the church, making a total of 20 received since his appointment here seven months ago.

Whitefield. — Up in Whitefield they have been doing things in financial lines, and that side by side with aggressive evangelism. And why not? Do not the two go together? When people are really consecrated to God, they realize their stewardship, and financial problems are generally met satisfactorily. These Whitefield folks have a debt — like some other folks — but they were determined to do something to reduce it. And they did — indeed they did. Mrs. E. W. Snow, the president of the Ladies' Aid Society, has reported to the quarterly conference that these hard-working women had succeeded in raising \$1080 during the past year. A contest of "reds" and "blues" was held, with Mrs. A. F. Stoughton and Mrs. H. L. Walker as captains. It closed February 22, and it was found that nearly \$900 had been secured at home and abroad for the debt on the parsonage and lot. There now remain but \$800 to be taken care of. Rev. E. E. Reynolds rejoices with his people in this excellent showing. He has had a good year with them, and they with him.

Laconia. — This church has put in the individual communion cups. Rev. G. B. Goodrich sails, April 11, for England. E. C. E. D.

Dover District

Smithtown. — During the severity of the past winter the work here has been much hindered by sickness among the people. The pastor, Rev. M. T. Cilley, faithfully caring for the afflicted of his parish as has been his record for many years, was himself overtaken by disease and suffered seriously from an attack of erysipelas, but is now slowly recovering. Evidently the people at Smithtown have been busy. In the fall revival meetings had place, and a weekly cottage-meeting has been sustained through the winter. The young folks gave a colonial entertainment in November, and later a social entertainment, and the Ladies' Aid held a Christmas sale, the proceeds of all helping materially the general treasury of the church. An annual birthday party in March brought \$41 more. In addition to this help in the finances of the church, the Ladies' Aid expended \$50 on the parsonage and the vestry. Shingles, paint, paper and whitewash brought freshness, cleanliness and comfort to both, and in the severest cold of the winter public services were held in the improved vestry. Health is returning to pastor and people. Thankfulness and a general desire for the service of Mr. Cilley the coming year rule at Smithtown. The quarterly conference asked his re-appointment. It should also be noted that this church duly followed Christmas customs, and the pastor and his helpful wife were generously remembered in the distribution of gifts.

Rochester. — On the first Sunday in April Pastor Danforth baptized 7, received 6 on probation, 3 to full membership from probation, and 3 by certificate. An average attendance at class-

meeting of fifty indicates a helpful spiritual state, and good things in the coming year are expected.

Methuen. — Rev. W. F. Ineson, the pastor, by advice of his physician, has been resting from labor for two weeks. He is now much improved, and will renew service in the pulpit on the closing Sabbath of the Conference year. During this period of rest the Sunday services and the Tuesday evening prayer-meeting were conducted by Rev. J. W. Adams to the edification of all.

Haverhill, First Church. — Rev. Geo. W. Farmer is closing a year of acceptable and useful service. One of the old-time members of this church, Mrs. Matthew Paul, was buried in hope of the resurrection last Saturday. She was a sister of ex Mayor Oliver Taylor and of the late Hon. Levi Taylor, one of the earliest mayors of Haverhill. Mrs. Paul left one sister, Miss Carrie Taylor, a member of Grace Church. The rest of this family, strong men and women, were members and patrons of First Church. Mr. Farmer read a charming paper, "The Pastor among his Books," at the March Lawrence and Haverhill Preachers' Meeting. The brethren urged him to offer it for publication in some magazine.

Haverhill, Grace Church. — The last Sunday in March was made Decision day in the Sunday-school. Effort in preparation for such a day had been previously assured. A forceful appeal was made by the pastor, Rev. H. D. Deetz, and not a little genuine interest in Christian discipleship was awakened by the appeal and by the faithful co-operation of Superintendent Dorman and his staff of teachers. Many of the boys and girls indicated a desire to become Christians and a purpose to follow Jesus. One young man also asked prayer, putting himself in the way of obedience to Christ. Others of a large class of young men were sober and thoughtful. Next Sunday the pastor expects to enroll as probationers a goodly number from these ranks of young life. There is, too, an increasing interest in the social meetings. Recently the pastor has given a half hour at opening of the Sunday evening service to readings from Stalker's "Life of Christ," with illustrations by a stereopticon. The benevolent offerings of the year will probably be about the same as last year, the amount for missions perhaps a little larger.

Haverhill, Third Church. — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marshall, pillars in the work, have returned from a well-earned outing in California. Rev. J. E. Montgomery and wife are busy putting things in order for those who may take up the work in the new year, whether they return or some new minister shall appear by order of Bishop Goodsell. Mr. Montgomery, in exchange with Rev. H. D. Deetz recently, preached ably at Grace Church. O. C.

Manchester District

Brookline. — Sunday, April 2, 1 was received into full connection from probation at this church, and 2 young men of much promise were baptized and received upon probation at this service, by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Dookrill.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Boston District

Boston, People's Temple. — In the Conference Minutes the Temple will appear as being still in debt. This is explained by the fact that the mortgage cannot be taken up until January, 1907. Sufficient money to pay this debt is in the possession of the trustees, and is placed at interest larger than the interest now being paid on the mortgage.

Boston, Bromfield Street. — By changes in the vestry of the church the Chinese Sunday-school has had to find accommodations elsewhere, but this church pays for the hall in which this work is carried on.

Brookline. — On Wednesday evening, April 5, at a social gathering of the church, Rev. Dr. Geo. S. Butters was given a purse containing \$100 in gold, and Mrs. Butters received an elegant chain-purse with \$50 in gold therein.

Oxford. — A gracious revival is in progress in this charge under the faithful labors of Rev. I. A. Mesier, the pastor. Some twenty have already expressed a determined purpose to live a Christian life.

Cambridge District

Newton Highlands. — A layman writes: "The pastor, Rev. C. H. Davis, was unanimously invited to return for the third year, but, much to the regret of all, he has thought best to ask for appointment elsewhere. No minister for years has so won the love and respect of this community as has Mr. Davis, and the memory of his words and daily life among us will be an incentive to higher thought and nobler living." The Ladies' Aid Society held a food sale last month, and had a lecture by Rev. M. C. Ayers, former editor of the Boston Advertiser. Attendance at services has increased of late, and interest in the Sunday-school was never so good.

Lynn District

Salem, Lafayette Street. — The fourth quarterly conference passed resolutions of appreciation of Rev. N. B. Fisk, and sincerely regret his removal, made necessary by his health. On the evening of April 6, the Epworth League gave Rev. and Mrs. Fisk a farewell. The president, for the League, presented to each some tokens of esteem in silverware. Mr. Fisk has been greatly benefited by his trip South, and calls himself well, but finds it necessary to get away from the shore. G. F. D.

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